

## Grand Rally Held By Local Liberals

Inspiring Addresses Were Delivered by Various Members of the Legislature at Last Night's Meeting.

The meeting of the Liberal Association last night in the Liberal Club rooms was a good augury of the result of the contest which will take place before very long in this city. The room was jammed to the door with men, eager to identify themselves with the cause of the party which stands for equal rights to all with special favors to none. The men were not there out of curiosity for they were enthusiastic in cheering the speakers, especially when they exposed the trickery, and shameless methods of the provincial government in its conduct of public questions.

After the meeting was called to order quite a long time was taken reading long lists of men who have recently applied for admission to the Liberal Association. Among them were men who have been found in opposition to the party on former occasions. There were also men of all shades of opinion and social rank. Just as many working men were there as business men, and this speaks volumes for the popularity of the Liberal party as the representative of all classes.

The principal business of the evening were the addresses from J. A. Macdonald, the leader of the opposition, John Oliver, his right hand man, and a number of other leading lights of the party. R. E. McMillan presided.

Party Leader, Mr. Macdonald on rising, said it was unnecessary to say he was pleased to meet the Liberals of Victoria. It was customary to say that the people saying nice things about him in order to put them in a good humor, but Liberals always took it for granted that they were the best people, so it was unnecessary to do that.

Going at once to business, Mr. Macdonald spoke on the need of a change in the matter of the personal property tax. He felt that with the limited amount of money at their disposal it was practically impossible for the municipalities to do the necessary work with the money at their disposal. Personally he thought it now time that the provincial government should give up the personal property tax. They received large revenues from many sources such as coal and timber. In the outside districts it was still necessary for the government to attend to the public works, but when it was considered what a large income they derived from outside sources the time he thought was ripe for a consideration of the question. It was a reasonable question and if considered on its merits he felt they would see that the municipalities were entitled to the money.

Another question which was of vital interest to the association was the beautifying of the Capital City. Other governments had taken this matter in hand beautifying the drives, boulevards, etc. in order to make the capital attractive to the numbers of people who visited the city just because it was the capital, and whose impression of the province was largely gained by what they had seen in the Capital City.

Continuing, Mr. Macdonald said that he did not intend to deal to any extent with those questions which were before the legislature, but there was one which he thought called for some attention, and that was the action of the government in regard to

The Natal Act. He said he knew there was a feeling that the Lieutenant-Governor did not do right in disallowing the Bowyer bill when the people through their representatives had allowed it to pass. They must face this question fairly. There was no doubt the Lieutenant-Governor acted without instructions, and the only constitutional reason for his doing so would be from such instructions or on the advice of his ministers. Mr. Macdonald would not say he acted on this advice, but the responsibility must be placed upon the provincial government.

In considering the action of the Lieutenant-Governor it should be considered whether or not he broke the laws of the country. It was certain that if he did not actually do so, he at any rate broke the spirit of the laws in making a contract for the importation of Orientals into the country. The people of British Columbia had but one voice on the matter of the immigration of Orientals and the Governor had gone contrary to it. The tactics of the Macdonald government had been to put everything up to Ottawa. Better terms had been put up to them and they were trying to put the reservation of the Bowyer bill in the same place. The fisheries dispute, if there really was one, was also charged up against the same government. Every piece of trickery was used to put them at a disadvantage.

Speaking of the question of Better Terms Mr. Macdonald showed that Mr. McMillan went down and met his brother, premier at Ottawa. Before the conference he made no objection to that body dealing with the matter. It was not until he found he could not get what he wanted that he objected to their jurisdiction. When this conference gave its verdict, recommending certain terms, was it to be expected that the Dominion government would turn it down? Had it gone in favor of Mr. Macdonald and then been turned down how would that have been received here?

Now the local government do not say a word against the conference which

was largely Conservative. The Conservatives in that conference were the leaders of it. Mr. McMillan does not blame them, but tries to condemn the Dominion government. He asked them, was that fair and honorable? Having to some extent succeeded in hoodwinking the people on that question he was now trying to do the same with regard to the Bowyer bill. He claimed that the Lieutenant-Governor was a Dominion government official, but this was not true, at any rate only to a very limited extent. He was only a Dominion official to the same extent that the judges were. He was appointed by them, but after that he was responsible to no one but his advisers who represent the people.

If the Governor could reserve one measure, he could reserve all, and that would not be a system of responsible government. Under those conditions the legislation would be carried on at the will or the whim of the Ottawa government.

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## BLEW HEAD OFF HIS LITTLE SISTER

Terrible Act of 12-Year-Old Boy in His Mother's Absence.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 28.—In the absence of his mother from home yesterday afternoon, Wm. McBride, a 12-year-old boy of Egypt, N. Y., a little place east of here, put on a belt of his father's, loaded a shotgun with cartridges of buckshot and blew the head off his four-year-old sister Viola, who had been left by her mother strapped in a high chair with an older sister at home.

The father told the coroner at the subsequent inquest that the boy then straddled about with the gun and pointed it at her.

At last, moved by the elder sister's fright, the boy took up the body, put it into a blanket and carried it behind a barn, where he hid it.

When asked by the coroner why he did this, he said: "Well, she was dead and I thought she needed to be in a cold place."

The mother, Mrs. Emma McBride, is a widow and four of her eight children are in an institution in Buffalo. Her husband was killed some months ago in a train accident at Fairport.

## SAYS TURNKEYS CHOKED PRISONER

Grave Charges Arise Out of Death of Callaghan in Ottawa Jail.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 28.—Serious allegations are made against the county jail officials by Tracy, a prisoner, who was hanged yesterday. Tracy makes the statement that James Callaghan, who died in prison on Saturday night was abused and practically choked to death by turnkeys. His statement is backed up by Joseph Hudson, another prisoner released this morning.

The inquest on Callaghan last night was postponed till to-morrow when all the evidence will be introduced.

## DOT P. MARPOLE BURNED TO DEATH

Sad Ending at Spences Bridge to Life of C. P. R. Official's Son.

Vancouver, Jan. 28.—Dot P. Marpole, the second son of R. Marpole, was burned to death this morning at Spences Bridge, where he lived with his wife and child. The latter were away at Kamloops visiting, so that no one knows how the fire occurred.

Early this morning the house was ablaze and young Marpole was probably suffocated. His ranch foreman, who lived in the house, barely escaped with his life, in his night clothes. The deceased was twenty-five years old.

## MANGLED ON WAY TO HOSPITAL.

Tragic Ending to Life of W. Kilby Near Kamloops Station.

Kamloops, B. C., Jan. 29.—William Kilby of Lytton, who was on his way to the hospital here on train 96 this morning, attempted to get off the train before it arrived at the station and was caught and badly mangled. He died instantly.

It is supposed he thought he was being carried by the town, as the track runs quite a distance through the town before reaching the station.

## 28 BELOW ZERO.

Winnipeg Experiences Chillest Day So Far This Year.

Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—Yesterday was the coldest day of this winter so far. The thermometer registered 28 below. Railways are experiencing some difficulty in keeping trains on time, and the street railroad has also had difficulty in maintaining service on lines to suburbs in some parts of the city. Eleven fires occurred, but none of them were serious.

## EATING CATS AND DOGS.

Inhabitants of Northern Lapland Are Reduced to Dire Conditions.

Heidelberg, Jan. 28.—Serious famine conditions are prevalent in the iron mining district of northern Lapland. According to a dispatch to the Dagbladet from Kiruna, the inhabitants in the parish of Vohhimmia have gone to the extreme of slaughtering dogs and cats for food to prevent starving to death.

## POLITICAL RIOT IN LISBON

NUMBER OF PERSONS  
MORTALLY WOUNDED

Revolvers Used Freely by Crowd—Police Quelled Outbreak.

Lisbon, Portugal, Jan. 29.—There was an outbreak of political rioting on the streets of this city this afternoon in which shots were fired and some people wounded. The disorders, however, were of short duration.

The police had received warning in advance, and they acted promptly. The crowd made use of revolvers, and for a few moments the firing was heavy, but it rapidly gave way, and was dispersed before a show of force.

An official statement published after the encounter says a number of persons received mortal wounds. There has been no further outbreak, and the city is now quiet.

## LOSS BY FIRE \$150,000

Half a Dozen Stores Destroyed in Newton, Kansas.

Newton, Kansas, Jan. 29.—A fire here early to-day that threatened the business district destroyed half a dozen stores, causing a loss of \$150,000.

The Lehman Hardware and Implement company's building and 35 horses in the Thompson livery stables were consumed.

## 150,000,000 WATER SYSTEM.

J. E. Simmons, Who Had Charge of Great New York Scheme, Has Resigned.

New York, Jan. 28.—J. Edward Simmons, the banker and head of the board in charge of the construction of the city's new \$150,000,000 water system, tendered his resignation to Mayor McChesney yesterday. The resignation was accepted.

## MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN CHICAGO

Raged for Three Hours in Business District—Many Stores Destroyed.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—The third disastrous fire in the business district of the city caused a loss to-night estimated at more than \$1,000,000, and the almost complete destruction of the buildings at 114 Wabash avenue, occupied by the Peas & Co. dealers in wallpaper. The building adjoining to the south, occupied by John Colby & Sons, furniture dealers, and that in the rear fronting on Michigan avenue, occupied by the millinery firm of Edson, Keith & Co., those to the north and south of the Keith building, occupied by the Gage Bros. Company, and Theodore Archer & Co., millinery companies, were damaged by fire and water.

The fire started in the engine room of the Peas building and raged for three hours. The heavier losses are: Alfred Peas & Co., \$270,000; John A. Colby & Sons, \$200,000; Edson, Keith & Co., \$600,000; Gage Bros., \$25,000; Theodore Archer Co., \$25,000.

## PRESIDENT MITCHELL'S ILLNESS

Convention of United Mine Workers Vote Him Six Months' Pay For Holiday.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 28.—The convention of the United Mine Workers of America to-day unanimously voted President Mitchell six months' pay with all expenses, including medical attendance. Mr. Mitchell has announced that he intends to take a long vacation in an endeavor to recover his health.

Resolutions presented by the Socialists were promptly voted down to-day. They were similar to those presented to the convention last year.

## LOVERS KILL ONE ANOTHER

TRAGIC ENDING TO  
ROMANCE OF YOUTH

Beautiful Girl Postponed Wedding—Fiance Driven Insane by Jealousy.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 28.—A quarrel between two lovers at Cambridge, near here last night, ended in the death of both, each inflicting a fatal wound on the other. The victims were Cary Kozani, 18 years old and strikingly beautiful, and Dominic Polini, 25 years old.

Their courtship began in Italy and he came to America three years ago to prepare a home, sending for the girl last October. Polini is said to have been jealous almost from the day of her arrival from Italy and she delayed the wedding from time to time. He became frantic last night when he visited the girl at the home of her sister. They talked a few minutes, he threatened to attack her, and the girl fled through the kitchen to her own room on the third floor, locking the door. A struggle followed, evidently the girl had prepared to defend herself. An instant later there was a shriek and a heavy body fell. It was that of Polini. A delicate keen edged knife, the girl was known to have kept in the room, was found near him. The blade had been thrust into his ear, piercing his brain.

Just as he fell Polini fired a shot from his revolver. The bullet entered the girl's side. She ran down the two flights of stairs and fell dead on the kitchen floor.

Others in the house rushed up stairs to the room where Polini was, but he died just before they reached him. It is presumed that after Polini broke into the girl's room he threatened to shoot her, but that she stabbed him, and attempted to rush away.

## JACOB CHIPPS WILL GET BRONZE MEDAL

Royal Humane Society of London to Honor Indian's Brave Act.

The Royal Humane Society of London, Eng., has granted to Jacob Chipps the bronze medal and certificate for bravery. Word to this effect was received by the Rev. A. E. Roberts from C. J. South, the society's agent in British Columbia.

Readers of this paper will remember that last July there appeared an account of the wonderful feat accomplished

by Chipps in a brave attempt to save the lives of his daughter and her baby. Chipps is an Indian from the west coast of the island and was engaged in the usual occupation of fishing for salmon when he had occasion to make a trip from Steveston to Vancouver. In the course of the trip a heavy gale of wind was encountered and the boat capsized. Most of the party succeeded in gaining a hold upon the upturned craft but Chipps' daughter, with her baby clasped close to her breast, was flung far out into the waves, and Jacob struck out after her. He reached her, but found that it was impossible to regain the comparative safety of the boat. For nine long hours he struggled in the water in a brave endeavor to bring the loved ones with him to the shore, but at last was thrown up on the beach more dead than alive, with neither his daughter nor her baby. It is for this act that the society has granted the medal.

A public meeting will be held in the near future to make the presentation, when addresses will be delivered and the medal pinned on the brave man's breast.

Jacob Chipps, who belongs to one of the Vancouver Island tribes, has lived here ever since the tragedy.

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The telephone company's assessment was fixed last year by special legislation.

## BARQUE INTEGRITY.

Bilbao, Spain, Jan. 28.—There was a secret conference here to-day of delegates from the three Basque provinces of Spain, at which it was decided to take common action for the integral maintenance of the privileges granted the Basques at the close of the Carlist war of 1839.

## SEVENTY-FIVE FEET OF FLAME

Firemen Overcome by Smoke in Calgary Hotel Blaze—Damage \$10,000.

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## Veering Wind Saved Town

San Luis Obispo, Cal., Jan. 29.—The wind changed at six o'clock last night, saving the town of Port Harford after \$150,000 damage was done. Four tanks in all were burned.

The wharf caught fire, but was finally saved, together with the hotel and cottages.

## AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE.

Rome, Jan. 28.—The Pope to-day received in audience the most reverend Louis Nazaire Begin, Archbishop of Quebec.

## ENGLAND'S ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

London, Jan. 28.—Sir W. S. Robson, the solicitor-general has been appointed attorney-general to succeed Sir John Lawson Walton, who died recently.

## ALBERTA OLD-TIMER DEAD.

M. McDonald Promoted Many Companies in Northwest Province.

Calgary, Jan. 28.—M. McDonald, 74 years old, died of heart disease in the hospital yesterday. He was very well known throughout the province and had spent the last few years in promoting mining companies. He was the Red Deer Mill and the Elevator Company, and the Battle River Investment Company.

## HINDUS IN NEW ROLE.

Attempted to Become Hold-up Artists—But Are Soundly Thrashed by Vancouver Whites.

(Special to the Times). Vancouver, Jan. 28.—Three Hindus attempted to hold up W. Johnson and W. Thompson last night at Epworth, southern suburb. The white men put up a vigorous fight and soundly thrashed the Hindus, who escaped.

## PREMIER MADE GREAT SPEECH

RECOMMENDED TRIAL OF  
LEMIEUX ARRANGEMENTS

R. L. Borden's Amendment to Immigration Question Lost by 55 Votes.

(Special to the Times). Ottawa, Jan. 28.—The speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier last night on the Japanese question will rank as one of the greatest deliverances ever made in the House of Commons. In eloquent language he described the differences between his policy of conciliation and that of hostile legislation by the leader of the opposition.

Ralph Smith, Duncan Ross, R. G. MacPherson, W. A. Gallacher and J. R. Kennedy all made splendid speeches in support of giving a trial to the Lemieux arrangements. If it were a failure the treaty could be abrogated. As R. G. MacPherson put it, the government did what British Columbia wanted in passing orders-in-council to keep out Japanese from Honolulu.

The majority of 55 for the government was the largest this session. The vote stood 45 for the amendment and 100 against.

All the independent and labor members voted with the government.

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## WASHED ON BEACH

Body of Woman Found Frozen Stiff at Port Richmond, N. Y.

New York, Jan. 28.—The body of a well-dressed woman, who is believed to have committed suicide by jumping into the bay, was found on the beach at Port Richmond, Staten Island, yesterday. Near the body there were found a fur box and muff, an empty purse and an umbrella with a gold handle. The body was badly frozen, indicating that it had been washed ashore several hours before it was found. The woman was about 36 years of age, five feet two inches in height, weighed 120 pounds and had brown hair and blue eyes.

"SACRIFICING SOULS  
ON ALTAR OF VICE"

Scathing Attack by Congressman on U. S. Heiresses Marrying Noblemen.

Washington, Jan. 28.—In the House to-day Representative McGavin, of Illinois, attacked the custom of American heiresses marrying European noblemen, declaring that he had no particular person in view. He asserted that "women are sacrificing their souls and their honor on the altar of robbery and vice." He asserted that almost every day there is a bargain day in New York. "Where you can buy anything from a yard of ribbon to a pound of flesh."

## LEADER OF UNEMPLOYED.

Chicago Demonstrator Acquitted of Disorderly Conduct.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Dr. Benj. L. Reitman, who led the march of the unemployed last Thursday, was yesterday acquitted of the charge of disorderly conduct preferred against him by the police.

## NEW AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Calgary, Jan. 28.—The board of trade met yesterday and passed a motion to support the Gleichen board of trade in its efforts to have a provincial agricultural college located there.



Evelyn Shaw, Leaving Car on Her Way to Attend the Trial of Her Husband, Harry K. T., for the Murder of Stanford White.

## THE LOBBIES

Prof. Carpenter's Report on Irrigation Has Arrived—Committees Report.

The railway committee of the provincial legislature met for organization purposes this morning. W. R. Ross (Ferne) was elected chairman and W. J. Mahon (Dewdney) secretary.

Although a number of bills have been slated for consideration by the committee, they have not yet satisfied the rule, which requires that they be posted for 7 days in the lobby. The committee accordingly adjourned until Monday next at 10 o'clock. Among the measures booked for consideration is the bill to incorporate the Crow's Nest & Northern Railway Company, as to which E. V. Bodwell, K. C., will represent the company.

John Jardine is preparing an amendment to the civic service bill, which proposes to extend the superannuation allowance, which the bill as drafted restricts, to clerical employees, to the engineers and other workmen employed about the buildings. The amendment will be moved when the bill reaches committee.

Stuart Henderson proposes to move an amendment to the bill, which seeks to give the government power to exempt railways from taxation for ten years. If this power is taken by the government Mr. Henderson will propose that the governor shall not be in a position to grant the exemption, if the railway directly or indirectly employs Orientals, either during construction, or for ten years after the period for which exemption is to be granted.

A deputation of lumbermen waited on the chief commissioner of lands and works this morning and urged upon him the recommendations which have been put forth on behalf of an extension of the leasehold and the strengthening of the stability of title. The deputation consisted of J. A. Macgeorge, Shuswap, Wm. Shannon, Vancouver, and E. H. Bremner, the last named gentleman being president of the Forestry Association. The deputation was listened to by the chief commissioner and their representations noted for consideration.

Dr. Bell-Irving and Mr. Dawson, representing cannery interests in Vancouver, are in the city to-day and are slated for a conference with the attorney-general concerning the bill which has been precipitated with the Dominion government as to jurisdiction over the fisheries. It is said that some of the cannerymen have experienced the inconvenience of being threatened with prosecution and seizure of boats, gear, etc., for plying the fisheries under the licenses issued by the Dominion authorities. Their anxiety is said to be to get at some clear understanding as to where they are in connection with this matter.

The private bills committee convened this morning and considered the Chilwack Incorporation bill. Mr. Pelly, solicitor, and C. W. Munro assisted in the exposition of the measure before the committee.

After a long and painful wait the government has at length come into possession of Prof. Carpenter's report on the irrigation question and the preparation of the bill dealing therewith, which awaited the arrival of this report, will be proceeded with. This measure is in the hands of the chief commissioner of lands and works.

## SINKS AFTER COLLISION.

New York, Jan. 29.—The ocean going tugboat Edgar P. Luckenbach, owned by the Luckenbach Tugboat Company, after being rammed by the steamship Pawnee of the Clyde line, sank last night between the Faialter and Government Islands. One of the crew, Edward Nelson, a deckhand of the tug, is believed to have been lost.



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## KING EDWARD OPENS PARLIAMENT

GLORIOUS DAY IN LONDON CITY

Speech From Throne Dealt Chiefly With International Questions.

London, Jan. 29.—The rarest event of a London winter, a clear and sunny day, favored the royal procession to Westminster to-day when King Edward opened parliament with the same ceremony that have been observed for centuries.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra rode from Buckingham Palace to the Houses of Parliament in a gilded coach of state drawn by eight white horses. They were attended by the officials of their households in other state carriages, and on horse back.

St. James Park and Whitehall were unusually crowded, and the soldiers who guarded the way had their hands full in keeping the people back. A thousand officials, including peers, members of the House of Commons, bishops, judges and diplomats, many of them attired in uniform or robes of state, lined the chamber of the Lords when a fanfare of trumpets at 2 o'clock announced the entry of the procession.

King Edward read the speech from the throne. Queen Alexandra was seated in a chair of state on his right, the Prince and Princess of Wales were on his left, and he was surrounded by a group of state officials.

The menace of an outbreak on the part of the women suffragists of England gave an unusual interest to the formal proceedings of to-day. Greater precautions could not have been taken if an anarchist uprising had been feared.

The only ladies admitted to the galleries of parliament were those for whom members vouched in writing as their wives or relatives, and the police who were on duty around Westminster and throughout the Houses of parliament were instructed to keep especial watch over all women.

Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, whose health is still feeble, was the only cabinet minister absent when King Edward ascended the throne.

His Majesty in his speech referred in conventional words to the visit of the German Emperor, which he said could not fail to confirm the friendly relations existing between the two powers, to the death of King Oscar of Sweden, and the conclusion of the Russian agreement. Acting in the spirit of this agreement, in spite of the complications in Persia, the two governments had maintained a policy of peace.

Continuing, the King said: My government has joined with the governments of France, Germany and Russia in a treaty for the preservation of the integrity of the kingdom of Norway. Referring to The Hague peace conference, the King said: "The various instruments annexed to the final act of that conference show the progress that has been made, and they are receiving the attentive consideration of my government. One of the most important of these instruments establishes the great principle of an international court of appeal in prize cases. My government is considering the question of inviting representatives of the leading maritime nations to attend a conference in London next autumn with a view of coming to an understanding on certain important points of international law for the guidance of the court."

"The condition of the Christian and Mussulman populations in the Macedonian vilayets shows no improvement. The hands of different nationalities continue to pursue a campaign of violence, and the situation gives serious cause for anxiety. The great powers of Europe have agreed to present to the Turkish government a scheme for the improvement of the judiciary in that region, and my government has made further proposals to the Sultan, and also to the great powers for dealing effectively with the principal causes of this disturbance."

**A PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING TO-DAY**

Mr. Fitz Allen Cornwall and Miss Tatlow Joined in Wedlock.

This afternoon just before 2 o'clock one of the prettiest weddings of the season took place when Miss Mabel Darlett Tatlow, daughter of Hon. R. G. Tatlow, was united in marriage to Mr. Fitz Allen Cornwall. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Canon Beaudouin in Christ Church cathedral. The sacred edifice was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the leading feature being an arch of marguerites.

The bride, who is one of the most popular young ladies in Victoria, was very tastefully gowned in white satin and carried a bouquet of lilacs of the valley. Miss Cornwall, the bridesmaid, wore a white cloth gown, and carried pink carnations. The groom was supported by his brother.

This afternoon a reception is being given to a few intimate friends at the home of Captain Tatlow, on Rockland avenue. The bride was the recipient of many very costly and useful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall leave this evening for a tour of New York, Chicago, Montreal and Toronto, the bride's going away dress being a beautiful green velvet.

Rev. T. W. Gladstone wishes to call the attention of the residents of Victoria to the awful havoc wrought by the lack of rain, aggravated by the plague now prevalent in parts of India, and would like to appeal to the citizens here for succor.

## HALF A MILLION DAMAGE.

Great Fire in Indianapolis Guts Huge Warehouse.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 29.—Fire last night in the Coburn warehouse destroyed two buildings and caused a loss estimated at \$500,000. The Coburn warehouse was one of the largest of its kind in the Middle West. It contained store rooms leased by local firms, as well as general shipping rooms which were filled with goods.

HER FOREMAST BROKEN.

British ship *Englehorn* is reported passing in from Tatooch with her foremast broken. She is towed by two tugs.

## EVELYN OCCUPIES SEAT IN COURT

GIRL LISTENS TO SPEECH FOR DEFENCE

Women Spectators Allowed to Attend Concluding Stages of Thaw Trial.

New York, Jan. 29.—For the first time since the taking of testimony was begun in the Thaw trial, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw occupied a seat in the courtroom to-day. Mrs. Wm. Thaw, the mother, Mrs. George T. Carnegie, the sister, and Josiah Thaw, a brother, also were in the family group.

The bar against women spectators was suspended and there were many of them on hand when Justice Duane took his place on the bench. Attracted by Mr. Littleton's reputation as an orator, prominent lawyers and men of affairs from all parts of the country were included in the court room throng.

It was 1:50 p. m. when Mr. Littleton arose and began his plea to the jury in behalf of Harry K. Thaw. District Attorney Jerome, who made a point of remaining away from the court room throughout the summing up of Mr. Delmas last year, was absent when court convened to-day. Assistant District Attorney Garvan took notes of the address of the counsel for the defence.

## DARING ROBBERY AT RAILWAY STATION

Fifty Passengers Standing About During Deed—Two Men Arrested.

Mansfield, Ohio, Jan. 29.—Shortly after midnight last night two masked men entered the office of the Adams Express Company at the Union station here, knocked William Dewey, the agent, unconscious and got away with \$3,000, while nearly 50 passengers stood about the station waiting for trains.

A bag containing \$40,000 in gold lying near the \$3,000 was overlooked by the robbers.

Telegrams were sent to the police of all nearby towns and as the result John McCue and Joseph Stevens were taken into custody at New London, Stevens, the police say, confessed, and implicated McGinty, a friend of Dewey. Stevens said McGinty, who has a reformatory record, tipped off the arrival of the money, and cooked up the scheme with him and McCue to rob the office.

McGinty was arrested. He denies the charge.

## PERSONAL

J. A. Humbird, of St. Paul, and T. J. Humbird, of Sand Point, registered at the Empress hotel last night. They represent one of the largest lumbering enterprises in the state of Idaho, and are interested in the Victoria Lumber Company here. The two gentlemen went out to Chemainus this morning to look over the plant, this being one of their periodical visits for that purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Medd and family, who recently arrived from England, are staying at the Balmoral until they are able to find a suitable home. Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. Medd visited this city and were so much pleased with it that they decided to return and make it their future home.

The following passengers are leaving by the Princess Victoria in the morning: J. Gillespie, H. B. Camble, J. M. McPherson, D. A. McKee, M. Anderson, C. Rethune, J. McAuley, W. P. Bassett, E. Pevehen and H. H. Morrison.

Senator and Mrs. Macdonald will be passengers by the Princess Victoria and C. P. R. for Ottawa to-morrow morning. W. H. Barker, president of the B. C. Peckers' Association, is leaving for Vancouver in the morning.

C. Wenger, the Government street jeweller, is leaving this evening by the Princess Victoria and the C. P. R. for New York, where he will board the Lusitania for Liverpool and European points.

David Hays, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Empress, arriving from Vancouver last evening.

January sale—Striped flannelettes, 26 inches wide, in good washing colors. Regular 19c. Sale price 15c. 12 yards for \$1. Robinson's Cash Store, 58 Yates street.

Vote for W. Stancland for school trustee.

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The bank clearings for Victoria for the week ending yesterday showed a total of \$54,558.

MRS. HANLAN ILL

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Hanlan's condition is critical, but physicians are hopeful of her recovery.

## LECTURED ON JAPANESE ART

INTERESTING ADDRESS BY COL. APPLETON

Exhibition of Paintings on View at Rooms of Alexandra Club.

The Ladies of the Alexandra Literary Society turned out in large numbers last evening to hear the lecture of Colonel Appleton on Japanese Colored Prints. The rooms of the society were well filled and the Colonel never allowed his subject to drag, so full was it of information and interesting details.

Found the walls of the rooms were displayed a large number of prints, some dating as far back as 1200 A. D. The course of the Colonel's remarks took the form of a historical sketch during the greater part, and this portion of the lecture was perhaps the most educational. Commencing away back in A. D. 1660, Colonel Appleton stated that only black and white prints were made. Several black and white masterpieces are still to be seen, though most of them have been secured by European museums and are displayed there. The lecturer had with him a specimen book by Sakamichi, the well known Japanese genius. This book was printed in black and white from wooden blocks, cut about the year 1700, and Colonel Appleton prizes this book very highly. This book contained a picture of the landing of the Dutch in Japan and depicted an old-time Dutch sailing ship, with the high bow and stern of the Elizabethan period. The Japanese could be seen on shore, and, surprising to many, was the telescope spy-glass which they were making use of. The print was in perfect condition, the ideal of Japanese art and ambition at the period. From this epoch, when colored prints first began to come forward, the Colonel traced the masters, described the prints in detail, and compared them with the works by European masters of landscape and figures. It was very noticeable how the Japanese have assimilated the European idea of beauty and composition right from the very first landing of the Occidentals. Their colors, whether vegetable or animal, are of the most durable nature, and even in the older times the colors stood out brilliant and clear just as when finished years and years ago. Perhaps the most beautiful picture in the Colonel's collection was one from the Hosoda school. All the prints from this school were noted for their beauty. The only exception was Yetsen, Colonel Appleton had a print from the Hosoda school, "Women in a Boat," and in beauty of expression, attention to detail and combination of color, few European prints can compare. The price paid for this print was \$50. Amongst the other prints highly prized by the Colonel and shown to the society were the "View of the Island Sea," by Hiroshige, supposed to be his finest marine picture, and a "Moonlight Picnic," by Keisei Yetsen. A very rare book of the latter day Japanese art was the 100 views of Gede, published in 1842 by Hiroshige.

After the lecture, Mrs. Hasell moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was heartily accorded. Light refreshments were also served. The pictures may be seen in the rooms until after guest day on Friday, the Colonel allowing them to remain under the care of the club.

**HAWTHORNTHWAIT'S MOTION RULED OUT**

Speaker Decided To-day That It Was Not in Order—Reasons Assigned.

In the legislature this afternoon, Speaker Eberts read his decision on the question of the impeachment resolution of J. H. Hawthornthwaite. He decided that it was out of order.

The speaker held that the Lieutenant-Governor was within his rights in refusing the immigration bill of last session. It must be assumed he held that his Honor acted in the public interest, and it was improper to impute motives to his Honor.

**CARBOLIC BY MISTAKE.**

Typhoid Patient Victim of Dose Administered by His Mother.

Quebec, Que., Jan. 29.—A young man named Jean is dead at St. Titus de Caps from a dose of carbolic acid administered by his mother in mistake for medicine. The young man was suffering from typhoid fever at the time.

**FROZEN TO DEATH.**

Barrie, Ont., Jan. 29.—James McLean, an indigent man, 57 years old, was found frozen to death in an unoccupied part of the Dymond Foundry Company. It is supposed he went in to have a sleep.

A very pleasant social evening was spent at the First Presbyterian Club on Monday evening, this being the first meeting since the election of new officers the week before. The first term of the club has been very successful, the membership having greatly increased since the organization, four months ago, and it is expected, the programmes for the meetings during the coming four months come up to the standard of those already held, the club should soon double its present membership. The "Reds," the losing side in a recent competition for securing new members, had charge of the programme for the evening, which consisted of solos rendered by Miss Bryce and Miss Lamont, a humorous reading by Mr. Fraser, and a Dutch song were greatly appreciated. Then different members were called upon, who each took a slip of paper from a hat, and proceeded to draw on the blackboard the animal named thereon, the others trying to guess what was represented; this, in some cases, was rather difficult, a lion being mistaken for a haystack, a hen for a robin, etc. Refreshments were also served by the "Reds," after which games were played until the meeting broke up in the usual manner, by singing the national anthem.

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## PROPERTY OWNERS RAISE OBJECTIONS

Protest Made Against Council's Action—Commendation for Ald. Hall.

The Victoria Property Owners' Association will strenuously oppose the application of the city council to the legislature for power to do away with the adjacent owners' right of petition against any work of local improvement which the council may decide to be imperative by a three-fourths majority. The following resolution was passed by the association at a meeting called at the city hall yesterday afternoon:

"That this association is strongly opposed to any enactment having in view the curtailment of the rights of owners of property to appeal from the ruling of any municipal authority to a judge of the Supreme court."

The opposition of Ald. Richard Hall to Ald. Gleason's resolution to obtain legislation to favor adult suffrage, in municipal elections was commended, and the following resolution passed:

"That the thanks of this association be tendered to Ald. Richard Hall for his stand against the proposal of the council to inaugurate universal adult suffrage and his opposition to the registration of any persons on the voters' lists who do not pay assessed taxes direct to the municipal treasurer."

The proposed amendment to the constitution whereby the name of the association should be changed to the "Ratepayers' Association," was passed, and hereafter the latter designation will be that of the association.

## GENERAL SMUTS ON ASIATIC MENACE

Pretoria, Jan. 29.—General Smuts, the colonial secretary, in a speech last night on the Asiatic question, warned the Natal government that if the continued immigration of Indians was permitted the rest of South Africa would have to take him as an enemy and proffer advice to Natal in the strongest terms. Otherwise, he said, the immigration of Asiatics would soon overrun the whole of South Africa.

**WORLD SCHEME FOR PROHIBITION**

London Will Be Headquarters of Great New Temperance Movement.

London, Jan. 29.—With a view to forming a world's prohibition confederation, an important conference was held here last night at the instance of Edward Page Gaston, of Chicago. Several influential leaders of the British temperance movement were present.

The first regular convention of the confederation is planned to be held in London next June. It was proposed to establish headquarters in this city with influential committees in foreign countries.

In Holland is out of every 1,000 inhabitants are foreigners.

Egypt has practically been under British government since 1882.

According to a report issued by the health commissioner of Chicago, five men die to every two women in that city.

Paris, Jan. 29.—M. Pichon, the minister of foreign affairs, announced last night that General D'Amade, the commander of the French forces in Morocco, has been instructed to notify Mulai Hafid that the French do not intend to engage in battle with any of the native tribes unless they are belligerent, and that if Mulai Hafid so wishes, France is ready to mediate between him and his brother, Abdul Aziz, looking to the bringing about of peace.

These instructions, it is announced, have been forwarded to General D'Amade following the receipt of a report that Mulai Hafid is ready to accept all the conditions of peace save any recognition of the independence of the Sultan over the Chaouia tribe.

G. E. S.—AS JUNIOR CLERK.

George Bernard Shaw appears in a new light when he commences to tell of his own clerical career in the first number of *The Clerk*.

He opens his clerical confessions thus: "Of all the qualities of man I find nothing so astonishing as his sheepishness, his docility, his cowardice. When these qualities are developed to their utmost by civilization and poverty in the middle class, you get the clerk. You cannot make an Arab a clerk. You cannot make a North American Indian a clerk. But you can make an Imperial Englishman a clerk quite easily. All you have to do is to drop him into a poor, middle-class family, with a father who cannot afford to carry his education beyond the elementary stage, but who would yet be disgraced if his son became a working man." Given these circumstances, what can the poor wretch do but become a clerk? I became a clerk myself in the gentlest modification of this course.

The total period of my service was four and a half years, though I broke loose before I was twenty" (Mr. Shaw goes on). "During much of that four and a half years I occupied a post of considerable activity and responsibility. It was not a question of salary. I was quite prepared to take as little as any anybody would give me; but even if I had been still at my starting figure of 99 a year, and had been asked whether for that money I would act as junior clerk or senior partner, I should have unhesitatingly chosen to be senior partner."



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## EARTHQUAKE FELT IN BELLA COOLA

**Northern Valley Seeks to Extend Its Market for Fruit and Grain.**

(Special Correspondence.)

Bella Coola, Jan. 26.—On Saturday, January 24th, at 8 p.m., there was a very distinct shock felt, lasting about 15 seconds; felt principally in the lower part of the valley. On Saturday, the 25th, the tides were very high indeed, higher in fact than for the past 12 years; no doubt as a result of the earthquake shock. No damage was done.

Christmas in Valley.

Christmas was spent very pleasantly in the valley with Christmas trees and entertainments.

**Long Trip North.**

Sam Gladhill, the mail carrier, made a trip into Anantram Lake at the end of December. He says the trails were in good condition, and travelling was very easy. He reports all the settlers were well.

**Farmers' Institute.**

On January 16th the annual meeting of Farmers' Institute was held, when 66 members were present.

The institute is very popular just now. A number of new settlers have come into the valley and taken a great interest in the progress of the Farmers' Institute. There are 75 members.

The business of the day was reports of officers and election of officers for the coming year.

The result of the election is as follows: President, John Widdison; vice-president, Peter Lauritsen; secretary-treasurer, Albert Hammer; delegate to Provincial Farmers' Institute, Gunner Sangstad. A very strong board of directors was appointed.

There was a very interesting discussion regarding advertising Bella Coola as a fruit growing country, and a committee was appointed to collect and send down to the Tourist Association rooms, in both Vancouver and Victoria, samples of fruit, grain, etc. No doubt whatever but this valley will in a very early date be divided into 20 and 40 acre blocks for the purpose of fruit growing.

With the whole of the northern coast to supply with fruit, Bella Coola will have a ready market. Last fall some apples were grown measuring 15 inches in circumference, and Bella Coola potatoes are noted for fineness of quality.

**Liberal Association Meets.**

The annual meeting of the Liberal Association was held on January 17th in the school house. There was a very full attendance, and a number of new members were received. It is evident that this association is very much alive.

A resolution was passed requesting the provincial government not to grant any extension of time to the Queen's & Pentikist Arm railway, nor to the Bella Coola & Fraser Lake railway.

There was also a very strong feeling regarding the pulp lease in the valley, for very much valuable land is being tied up in the lease, and as there is a great demand for land it is felt that the government should see that the reserve is taken off.

Mail matters were also discussed very fully, after which the election of officers was proceeded with, the result being the re-election of Mr. Nordenskiöld as president, B. F. Jacobsen vice-president, and Albert Hammer secretary. A very strong board of directors was appointed, and the outlook for the association is very bright.

**DECOY LETTERS.**

Toronto Man Gets Five Years for Post Office Frauds.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 28.—Leaving his home in Ontario place shortly before midnight last night, Jas. Edward Harris, a sweeper, employed in the post office, was arrested at 6 o'clock this morning and later was sentenced to five years in the Kingston penitentiary. At the time of his arrest there was found on Harris four letters addressed to Rylee Bros. Jewellers, three of them being decoy letters sent by the postal authorities. In the police court Harris pleaded guilty of robbing the mails and was immediately sentenced.

**DOINGS AT DUNCANS.**

Mrs. Potts' Case Against Husband for Desertion Settled Out of Court.

(Special Correspondence.)

Duncans, Jan. 27.—The case of Mrs. Potts against her husband for desertion and non-support came up before Alfred Jones, J.P., on Saturday.

Mr. D. H. Hockley, for plaintiff, and R. Lowe for the defendant. The case was adjourned and settled out of court.

**Coming to Duncans.**

A party, consisting of Mr. Fred. Matland-Douglas, his housekeeper and two men, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore and children, sail from England on the seventh of next month. They are expected in Duncans about the 21st of February.

**NEW SUPREME COURT JUDGE.**

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 28.—Mr. Justice Barker has been appointed to the vacancy on the Supreme court bench of New Brunswick, created by the retirement of Justice Tuck.

**FLAGMAN KILLED.**

Tacoma, Jan. 28.—As Flagman Carl Klunking this morning, while the south-bound N. P. freight train, south of Tacoma, was being pulled, he was bound engine killed him.

**TRAIN CONDUCTOR KILLED.**

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 28.—In a freight wreck here, Conductor Campbell was killed.

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## LITTLE BERTHA MINE

Work of Installing Extensive Machinery to Commence at Once.

(Special Correspondence.)

Grand Forks, Jan. 26.—Mr. Appleton, of Spokane, who has recently become heavily interested in the Little Bertha mine at Banrock City, arrived in Grand Forks yesterday, and this morning started for the Bertha mine to make arrangements for the immediate installation of extensive mining machinery, which can now be hauled to the mine.

The Valley line railway. It is stated on authority that the Little Bertha mine will be developed rapidly from now on. Dr. Appleton is optimistic over the future of the Bertha as a high grade producer.

**New Telephone.**

The local telephone office has just completed the installation of a cable consisting of 32 wires between the Granby office and the central telephone office.

## JURISDICTION OVER RAILWAYS

**Province of Ontario Wishes Expansive Powers—Confers With Dominion.**

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—A conference between representatives of the Ontario government and the Dominion over the jurisdiction of railways, ended without any definite arrangement being reached. The province wanted the jurisdiction over electric railway and the control of the operation of other railways. The province did not care much as to the question of incorporation.

The Dominion does not agree that the question to give power should be given to the provinces. Trains are now run by electricity from New York to Albany.

The minister of railways says that the legislation to be introduced of power will in future safeguard municipal interests, if the province and Dominion came to an understanding, such will be included in the bills now before parliament even if these measures should pass in the meantime.

## ENGINEERS IN SESSION

**Lantern Illustrations of Quebec Bridge Disaster.**

Montreal, Jan. 28.—The twenty-second annual meeting of the Canadian society of civil engineers convened here to-day. The nomination of a scrutineer, the reception of the report of the council and the transaction of the general business of the society occupied the attention of the delegates this morning.

At a meeting to-night W. McLean Wallbank, retiring president, will deliver an address at the conclusion of which an exhibition of lantern views illustrating the Quebec bridge disaster will be given by Henry Holgate, chairman of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the cause of the collapse of that structure.

## BANK PROFITS

Toronto, Jan. 28.—The annual meetings of the Traders bank and the Metropolitan banks were held here to-day. The net profits of the former for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902, were \$52,822 and the latter, \$147,810.

## THE DENSHAW MURDER

**Justice to Be Tempered With Mercy.**

The anniversary of the Khedive's accession on January 8 was signalled by the release of Denshaw prisoners, through the exercise of His Highness' prerogative of pardon. It is generally believed that this action during the season of peace and goodwill to foster the improved feeling lately between Europeans and Egyptians. It will be remembered that the outrage at Denshaw was committed on June 13 last year, and as the result of it four natives were sentenced to death.

Four to penal servitude for life. Three to 15 years' imprisonment. Six to seven years' imprisonment. Three to one year's imprisonment, with 50 lashes.

While 31 were acquitted. The hanging and whipping sentences were carried out on June 28. The circumstances of the outrage will no doubt still be fresh in the public memory. A party of British officers, while on the usual route march from Cairo to Alexandria, joined in a shooting excursion at present. A local official at Koneana undertook to make all arrangements for the excursion; the village was warned, and the brother of a local notable was sent to assist them in making all preparations. The party separated and Captain Hockley and Lieutenant Porter had fired a few shots when they were threatened and hustled by a crowd of hostile villagers. No serious attack was made till the officers had, with great forbearance, surrendered their guns and offered compensation for an accidental injury to a woman and three other persons, who were shot by the unexpected discharge of Lieutenant Porter's gun after it had been snatched from him.

The rest is a story of cold-blooded cruelty. Major Pine-Coffin was three times beaten senseless, his arm was broken, and while he lay on the ground a man jumped with both feet on his stomach. He was finally threatened with burning, and was only saved by the intervention of some watchmen who had arrived. Captain Bostock, Lieutenant Smithwick and Lieutenant Porter all received heavy blows from nabits and from missiles thrown at them by the natives.

The judgment of the special court which tried the prisoners aroused the inevitable storm of protest from certain English politicians, who joined with the Egyptian Nationalists in denouncing in violent terms the severity of the sentence. Sir Edward Grey, however, refused to interfere, and in a speech in the House of Commons soon after the outrage, said that a fanatical feeling had been on the increase in Egypt and in North Africa during the year. He said deliberately, with a full sense of responsibility, that if the House of Commons did anything at that moment to weaken or destroy the authority of the government in Egypt they would be face to face with a very serious situation.

## LOCATING LINE TO DEEP WATER

**Preliminary Work on Alberni Extension Nearing Completion.**

(Special Correspondence.)

Alberni, Jan. 28.—The gang of locating engineers working on the railway route under Brown, have now moved camp to a point between the two towns and a few days more should see the line located to deep water. The survey party, under charge of George Smith, have also moved into town, and will carry on their work from that centre.

**Really Active.**

A healthy demand for real estate continues. The sale has been arranged of one of the best corner lots in Alberni, with a fair sized building on it for the sum of \$2,000. A. W. Heath, of Mealy Lake, transferring it to A. LaBelle, formerly of the Alberni hotel.

The building will be thoroughly renovated and used as a restaurant. Geo. Forrest has closed a contract to erect a cottage on the Kitsukas road for A. W. Neill. Tenders are being called for the erection of a large building to accommodate the bakery and general store business of C. F. Bishop, who is removing from his old stand.

**Burns' Concert.**

On the 24th inst. supper and concert was held in Brandt's hall, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, of the Presbyterian church, to celebrate the birthday of "Robbie Burns."

There was an excellent attendance, and a substantial amount was realized for the funds of the society. W. Hoff presided and filled the position most acceptably. The programme was as follows:

Song—Ye Banks and Braes.....Chorus  
Selection—Scotch Air.....  
Song (comic).....Mrs. T. S. Glasford  
Address on Burns' Life and Work.....  
Song—The Four Marys.....W. T. Maroon  
Song—My Love, She's but a Lassie Yet.....Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Glasford, Jas. Thomson  
Recitation—The Scot.....Jessie Forrest  
Song—O, Sing to Me, Rev. T. S. Glasford  
Song—My Love, She's but a Lassie Yet.....Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Glasford, Jas. Thomson  
Scotch Reading.....A. W. Neill  
Duet—Loch Lomond.....A. W. Neill  
Duet—The Broken Bowl.....  
Recitation—The Scot.....Jas. Thomson  
Song (comic).....Captain G. A. Huff  
Reading—The Wick Papers.....W. Hoff  
Song (comic).....B. Warren  
Duet—Huntingtower.....  
Song—Sing Me to Sleep.....Miss Miles  
Solo—Auld Lang Syne.....  
The Maple Leaf For Ever.

**Debating Club.**

The semi-monthly debate of the Athletic and Social Club took place on the 22nd inst. The subject was the well-worn one of "Married vs. Single Life."

W. H. Maroon was leader for the single life, and gave a well reasoned address on somewhat new lines. He was supported by C. Taylor. The advocates of matrimony were Messrs. I. Frank and W. Stevens. The judges of the best arguments advanced were unable to decide and reported that both sides were equally strong in debate.

The subject of the next debate and for the following one were decided upon, and the leading speakers chosen as follows:

February 11th—Subject, "Should Capital Punishment be Abolished?" Speakers for the affirmative, Messrs. W. Harris, Capt. G. A. Huff, H. Bishop, for the negative, Messrs. Blandy, Toy and H. Hills.

February 19th—Subject, "That Oriental Emigration is Undesirable." Speakers for the affirmative, Messrs. Maroon, Dr. Morgan, A. French and J. Redford. For the negative, Messrs. Motion, Glasford, Shaefer and Erickson.

**Indians and Liquor.**

On the 24th inst., in the police court, two white men were found guilty of supplying liquor to Indians and were fined \$50 and \$25 respectively. One Indian, charged with being in a state of intoxication, paid the maximum fine of \$20.

**HAVE YOU STOMACH TROUBLE?**

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**WITH THE NATION'S REGARDS.**

The presentation to Lord Hawke in England of the more or less "national" testimonial recently subscribed as a tribute to his splendid work on the cricket field, only for Yorkshire, but for the whole of English cricket, naturally calls to mind similar testimonials made to individuals by the entire nation as proofs of how their magnificent work was regarded by the people of this kingdom.

The first really "national" testimony of modern days made in our land in this way was that presented to Grace Darling for her magnificent bravery and devotion on that terrible night when she went out from the lonely lighthouse off Holy Island to rescue the survivors of the wrecked Forfarshire. The story we need not recount here, but England rang with her praise for months after, and she has been one of the nation's heroes ever since.

The country showed its appreciation of her noble work and character by raising a subscription for her, which amounted to many thousands of pounds, whilst individual presents and gifts were simply showered upon her.

**For Heroism at the Front.**

The second great "national" testimonial of a similar kind was also made to a woman, for it was that dedicated and presented to Miss Florence Nightingale on her return from the Crimea. All the English-speaking world had glowed with delight and admiration at the magnificent work this woman had done in the trenches round Sebastopol, in the hospitals at Scutari, and on many battlefields of the Crimea. It was felt that England owed her a debt which could never repay. But the enthusiasm of people found vent in their sending individual subscriptions to the fund opened as a present to Miss Nightingale. The total reached over \$350,000, which this noble woman declined to accept for herself, however, but spent in founding the Nightingale Home for Trained Nurses, and on similar good and beneficial institutions.

The third "national" testimonial was again made to a woman, and again, as in the other two instances, to one most worthy of it in quite another way. This was when the late Queen Victoria celebrated her jubilee, and the nation determined to subscribe bodily, so to speak, in order to send her a large sum of money for any useful or beneficent purposes that she desired, for it was known that the late Queen would never accept such a gift for her sole benefit. So lists were opened all over the land, and such was the universal enthusiasm that though small coins galore figured amongst the gifts, yet the total reached well over \$500,000. This great sum was accepted by the Queen with much pleasure and delight—not only for herself and what it could do, but as a tribute of the nation's intimate affection for its Sovereign—a love that she deeply reciprocated. She spent it in several excellent ways, such as in instituting the Victoria Nursing Fund, the Victoria Clergy Fund, etc., all of which have proved highly successful since that time.

**Cricket King's Reward.**

The most people will still remember the "national" testimonial got up for Dr. W. G. Grace in celebration of his jubilee some nine years or so ago, and as some slight acknowledgment of what he had done for the king of English games. The popularity of that fund was proved by the fact that close upon \$20,000 was collected.

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## "THE LAST REFUGEE," ETC.

Sub-section 1 of section 3 of Mr. Bowser's very latest Natal Bill says: "Any person the terms of whose entry into Canada have been fixed, or whose exclusion from Canada has been ordered by any Act of Parliament of Canada, shall be exempt from the provision of the bill in case it shall pass the legislature and receive the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor."

Article 1 of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and Japan, to which the Dominion of Canada has become a party, says: "The subjects of each of the two high contracting parties shall have full liberty to enter, travel or reside in any part of the dominions and possessions of the other contracting party, and shall enjoy full and perfect protection for their persons and property."

In introducing his bill in the House yesterday the Attorney-General announced that it was the intention of the government to apply the provisions of his measure to the Japanese. He said constables would be appointed forthwith in all parts of the province, and that with the assistance of the provincial police effective measures would be taken for the enforcement of the provisions of the bill. As Mr. Macdonald pointed out at the meeting of the Liberal Association held last evening, while sub-section 1 appears to bring the bill within the competence of the local legislature, the Attorney-General has announced his intention of proceeding in a manner which will make it ultra vires of the House. Last year Mr. Bowser took good care that the Natal Act should be rendered inoperative irrespective of any action which might be taken by the Lieutenant-Governor. A convenient "clerical error" crept in, which, whether intentional or inadvertent, had the effect of leaving the way clear for the corporations behind the government, with the assistance of Mr. Bowser's friend Gotoh, to rush into the province as many Japanese laborers as they believed they might require in their business. This year the Attorney-General is going to give further evidence of his good faith and his sincerity by taking the very action which will invite disallowance.

The people of British Columbia have had some experience with Mr. Bowser. They understand thoroughly how much reliance can be placed upon his word as a public man, whether that word be uttered upon the floor of the legislature or upon a public platform. His mission, and the mission of the government of which he is a noble representative, is to fight Ottawa, not for the purpose of gaining any advantage for the province, but for the purpose of diverting attention from the many acts of the government and of the government's friends while they are raiding the province. As the member for Delta put the case last night: Mr. Bowser insists that speculators must have a chance. They might not have a really good chance if the people's attention were not directed away from the province while they are carrying on their operations. Those speculators have already gobbled up six million square miles of the valuable timber lands of the province which ought to have been reserved for the benefit of the public. Sufficient timber lands have been alienated to keep all the saw mills in British Columbia working steadily for two hundred years. The governments of Ontario and Quebec have been selling timber of a comparatively inferior quality at from ten to twelve dollars a thousand

feet. The timber of the United States is being rapidly exhausted, so that prices are going to mount steadily upward from this time forward. Speculators in our timber have already made fortunes out of deals consummated within the past year. Mr. Bowser's speculators have had their chance. They have already pocketed millions of dollars which ought to have gone into the public treasury. They will make billions before the six million acres they have acquired have been denuded of their stores of wealth.

Great tracts of valuable timber lands have also been alienated in the guise of pulp reservations and tan bark reservations. All kinds of subterfuges have been resorted to in order that this Vancouver political tornado of speculators might have a chance. Hundreds of thousands of acres of coal measures have gone the way of timber limits in order that speculators might have a chance. The government said it was going to reserve the coal measures for the benefit of the people. All known coal measures of any value have gone the way of the alienated timber and pulp and tan bark lands. Is it any wonder that Mr. Bowser desires to raise a little dust with Ottawa and with Westminster, while boasting of his loyalty to Canada and to the Empire?

He is going to attempt to enforce his Natal Act against Japan, although he knows, as everybody knows, that the Japanese realize the situation on this continent, and understand that the peace of the world and the growth of trade between the two hemispheres depend upon a little wise statesmanship over a delicate matter. Mr. Lemieux has virtually brought us a request from the Japanese government to continue to rely upon its good faith; and it is difficult to see how we can do less than that. The conditions which have made some people suspect that it was not being kept have been fully explained away. We must surely continue then to rely upon the word of our ally until that word be proven unreliable.

But he will attempt to enforce the Act, knowing that at the very first attempt there will be a protest from Tokyo to the British Imperial government. This will cause a political diversion for a time, and the people, the Attorney-General hopes, will forget to scan too closely the operations of the friends of speculators across the bay.

## BRITISH AND EASTERN OPINION.

The press of Great Britain, and the press of Canada, practically irrespective of party, have expressed unreserved gratification at the manner in which the Postmaster-General of Canada conducted his delicate diplomatic mission to Japan and at the splendid spirit in which the government of Japan received Hon. Mr. Lemieux's representations. The success of Mr. Lemieux's mission is referred to in Great Britain as a great diplomatic triumph. A Canadian Associated Press dispatch from London says the British press is not overlooking the Imperial aspect of the agreement arrived at by Canada and Japan, and expresses the greatest pleasure at the dignified and friendly settlement of the immigration question. The Morning Post points out that the conciliatory attitude of Japan was inspired by her friendship for Britain. The Daily Graphic observes that it would be impossible not to contrast this dignified termination with the humiliating spectacle presented by the treatment of British Indians in the Transvaal.

The Times says the passage in which Mr. Lemieux turned to the broader aspect of the immigration question, touching on the British alliance with Japan, thus showing that he appreciated the solidarity of the British race in matters relating to the rest of the world, would awaken a responsive thrill throughout the empire. "The negotiations," it says, "were admittedly concerned with a question of the utmost delicacy and importance, but even this question sinks into insignificance compared with the principle enunciated by Mr. Lemieux." The Times adds that Canada is now a developed nation, and can talk to other nations of the world with an assured voice and almost on an equality with them. It is a cheering sign of her sense of dignity and reality that she should thus begin her career as a separate factor in the world by remembering that her strength and honor are bound up in the strength and honor of the mother country.

The independent opinion of Canada is undoubtedly accurately expressed in the following thoughtful editorial of the Montreal Star, in which the writer gives evidence of a deep and accurate knowledge of the subject:

"The statement of Hon. Mr. Lemieux, following the report of Mr. Mackenzie King, seems to put the Japanese question into about as satisfactory a position as the country could hope. The Japanese government did not break faith. The influx of Japanese labor was due to several causes, not one of which was in any way the fault of the Japanese government. The two sources of danger are the possible emptying of the Hawaiian Japanese colony into Canada, and the direct importation of contract labor from Japan. The first of these sources Canada may deal with as drastically as she pleases, and the second is to be speedily closed by the Japanese government. This leaves nothing open but the casual and straggling arrival in Canada of Japanese students, merchants and others which has never created a danger in the past and is not in the least likely to do so in the future."

"We could hope for nothing more exclusive short of the right to put the bars entirely against the Japanese, and this could never be attempted so long as Canada proposes to keep on friendly and trading terms with the most progressive people of the Orient. Just how far we could go in this direction, and remain a loyal and responsible section of the British Empire, we would not like to say. The British-Japanese alliance is the only alliance that the British government has, and while alliances are chiefly matters of business, they gain some of their vitality and spontaneity from sentiment, and sentiment in Japan would not be directed in the best course if a British colony were to discriminate pointedly against the admission of Japanese subjects."

"The logical position of Japan in this whole question is irresistible, especially against the Americans. The Japanese are a very few people, and an exclusion of them to open their ports and admit foreign laborers. This was a direct intervention in the affairs of another nation as if the Japanese fleet were to steam into San Francisco harbor to-day and compel the Americans to admit Japanese immigration. Yet these same Americans are now that Japan has awakened to their rude touch, trying to keep the Japanese out of the United States. It is no wonder that the government at Tokyo thinks it ill-used. As for Britain, she declares Japan to be fit for an ally and opens her Empire to Japanese subjects on the same terms as British subjects. But Canada with any honor the obligation as far as she is concerned, under very great restrictions."

"Unfortunately it is not a matter to be settled entirely by the laws of logic. The laws of nature and of political economy intervene. But no practical difficulty will arise now that Japan realizes the situation on this continent, and understands that the peace of the world and the growth of trade between the two hemispheres depend upon a little wise statesmanship over a delicate matter. Mr. Lemieux has virtually brought us a request from the Japanese government to continue to rely upon its good faith; and it is difficult to see how we can do less than that. The conditions which have made some people suspect that it was not being kept have been fully explained away. We must surely continue then to rely upon the word of our ally until that word be proven unreliable."

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## THE GLOBE'S VIEWS.

The Victoria Colonist says the Toronto Globe has gained a "clearer vision" of the situation in this province. Here is the view of the Globe and we think our readers will agree that its vision is quite clear and its estimate of the position of Premier McBride true:

The so-called "Natal Act" which Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir last session prevented from becoming law, has been reintroduced this session by the McBride government. It is practically the same in text as the recently suppressed measure. It will be interesting to watch its progress through the Legislative Assembly and the subsequent action of the Lieutenant-Governor with regard to it. It is expedient in the general public interest to have in this way a final determination of the two issues raised by the bill: the competency of a Provincial Legislature to enact such a law, and the right of a Lieutenant-Governor to take shelter under his official instructions when he is censured for withholding the Royal assent from a bill regularly passed by a Legislative Assembly.

Meanwhile the constitutional question raised by the Lieutenant-Governor's veto of last session has been temperately but interestingly debated in the Assembly. Mr. Macdonald, the leader of the Opposition, discussed very fully and lucidly the whole question, and concluded his speech with an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, censuring his course in withholding his assent. In speaking to his motion he described quite accurately the working of responsible government, and quoted the well-known maxim: "The King can do no wrong." He properly contended that as the Lieutenant-Governor had no instructions from the Governor-General requiring him to act independently of his Ministerial advisers, he was bound to accept their advice, and he certainly was bound by a century of British and colonial practice.

It came out in the course of the debate that Premier McBride had a conversation with Senator Scott at Ottawa, in the course of which he intimated to him that the Lieutenant-Governor was likely to refuse his assent to the measure. This authentic information places Mr. McBride in a very peculiar position. He introduced a bill into the Legislative Assembly; he piloted the measure through that Chamber; he advised the Lieutenant-Governor to assent to it; he was informed, presumably by his Honor, that the assent would not be given; and, instead of resigning, as any self-respecting, courageous man would have done, he accepted the situation and swallowed his humiliation. There has not been in the British Empire for a hundred years a Prime Minister who would have submitted to such degradation. His only defence was that "it was a pretty hard game to win, and that the game was to stay there when you got there."

It remains to bring clearly into view where the responsibility for the failure of last year's bill should rest. Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir vetoed it. Premier McBride says now that he acted properly in doing so, because his instructions covered the case. The Dominion government has not interfered in the matter. Were the people of British Columbia to endorse Mr. McBride's attitude they would deserve to lose a democratic system of government of which they would have proved themselves unworthy.

Mr. Bowser was on the stump again yesterday, with his Natal Bill as an excuse for much speaking. But then Mr. Bowser is always on the stump when on his feet. The Colonist is doing good service in reporting his remarks in full. The workmen whom he professes to serve will readily detect the note of hypocrisy-sounding clear throughout his remarks, while merchants and manufacturers will doubtless appreciate the scorn with which he reflects to trade with the Orient. The impression upon the minds of common people is that the future of the coast cities of British Columbia depends almost entirely upon the development of trade with the Orient. How can the Pacific Ocean ever become one of the great highways of the world if we deliberately crush trade with the East? But then Mr. Bowser is an uncommon man, the uncommon ornament of an uncommon government.

The goose is discredited with being the very stupidest of birds. The man who goes after the wild goose with a gun knows better. Furthermore, it has been established that the goose knows more about the weather than that superior animal man, although the wild creature maintains no meteorological stations. It knew a cold snap was coming and hid away in the direction of the equator. The mercury fell very low throughout the East yesterday, and even in Victoria a few flakes of soft snow fell. Give the goose credit for a modicum of intelligence which stands him in good stead in his migrations.

After carefully considering the result of recent elections, with a perceptible tremor the Toronto News remarks: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier is still invincible in the province of Quebec." Why not be frank and candid and admit the whole truth, which is that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is invincible in Canada?

## HYDROGRAPHIC WORK ON COAST

## MUCH IS BEING DONE IN NORTHERN WATERS

## The Recommissioning of Egeria is Welcome News to Those Interested.

The decision of the British Admiralty to recommission the Egeria and give her another term in hydrographic work on this coast is welcome news to the shipping interests.

The immense length of coast line in B. C. and the general character of it calls for a large amount of work by the hydrographic service in order to complete the charting of the waterways. When the announcement was made some time ago that the Egeria was to remain it was most satisfactory to all concerned. The Dominion Government steamer for hydrographic work will soon be completed, so that with the two vessels engaged in the work material progress can be made.

The Egeria is one of the oldest vessels in the navy. The term for recommission is two years and at the end of that period she will likely be broken up.

The opening up of the northern portion of the province by the location of Prince Rupert has made it desirable that the hydrographic work in the waters contiguous to that port and its entrances should be completed as soon as possible.

During the past two years the Dominion government has accomplished much work. At the present time Capt. Musgrave of the local office is having the chart completed covering the work done in the past two years. This will be available for mariners as the department will probably have prints made from it. It covers the waters from the northern end of Pacific Island right into Prince Rupert Island. On this is located direct paths for vessels entering the harbor from the inside channel from the south or from the outside.

The Egeria did valuable work rather further north and off the entrance to Prince Rupert Island, where the Lucy Island group were properly located, having previously been incorrectly described in the charts. The services of the Egeria and the new Dominion hydrographic steamer will be needed in deeper water off the entrance to the harbor.

TUG FOR NORTH.  
Mill Company at Prince Rupert Will Soon Have Its Own Steamer.

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The new steamer S. S. Cariboo, of the Union Steamship Company, which is now on her way from England, is expected to reach Victoria on March 1st.

The British ship Port Patrick is now tied to the Hudson's Bay wharf, awaiting a place on the ways of the Victoria Machinery Depot. S. S. Camosun was hauled up on this morning, and it is expected to have her machinery repaired in the course of a few days.

The steamer Mimosa, which was reported yesterday, was examined at quarantine this morning and proceeded to Comox.

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## What Other People Think

## THE PUBLIC AND COAL TAXES.

To the Editor:—In your issue of the 28th inst., I notice an editorial under the above heading, in which you very properly criticize the action of the government in placing a tax upon coal. With your permission, I should like to place a few further considerations before your readers concerning this matter. A tax on coal mined can only have one effect, and that is to decrease the amount of coal mined. In other words it is merely the same thing as fining a man for producing coal from his mine, while allowing the man who keeps a coal mine idle while waiting for coal to rise in price to escape cost free. A true historical story called from the Annals of Egypt well illustrates this point of view: "There was once a certain Grand Vizier of the ruling monarch who, when pressed for money by his master, decided to report to the royal coffers by placing a tax upon dates (dates being the staple food of the country). The immediate effect of this tax was to cause the owners of date trees to cut them down and deter others from planting date trees, and there arose a great famine in the land. Then, when the Sultan was in despair, there came a wise man to him and advised him to remove the tax from dates to the land the date trees grew on. He did this, and the immediate result was that people started to plant date trees. Everyone who owned a piece of land suitable for production immediately saw that in the altered circumstances the only thing to do was to use the land they owned to the best advantage possible, and the country was saved. Will the McBride government refuse to profit by the experience of the ancient Sultan of Egypt, or do they not

wish British Columbia to be prosperous? The effect of transferring the tax from coal to the land the coal comes from would be: (a) To force a lot of coal lands which are now being held out of use for speculative purposes to become productive; (b) This would cause an increased demand for coal mines, consequently wages of those mining coal would increase; (c) The increased output of coal would cause the price to fall, by the law of supply and demand, therefore the consumers of coal would benefit; (d) The low price of coal would render profitable many enterprises which are here impossible owing to the high price of fuel, in a country which has greater stores of this than almost any other country in the world. VERITAS.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Sharp Fall in U. S. Steel Holdings This Morning.

New York N. Y., Jan. 29.—The opening prices of stocks today were higher than last night for the most part, but buying was on a moderate scale. Reading and Union Pacific rose large fractions. United States steel opened higher and the price was unchanged. Northern Pacific declined 1/4. The demand for stock was not maintained, and some of the leaders reacted almost a point. United States steel stocks weakened sharply, which created an unfavorable market. A subsequent rise in Reading, Amal, Copper and the local traction stocks exerted a good effect elsewhere, and there was a rally to the opening prices. The average man requires 1,000 pounds of food in the course of the year to sustain him.





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—The university committee of the Tourist Association will meet to-morrow morning at 10.30 o'clock.

—Two small arc lamps have been ordered by the provincial department of lands and works to be placed between the post office and the dockyard gate. Equipped, as complaints of the conditions have been numerous.

—The companies of the Fifth Regiment will hold their first parade of the season at the Drill hall this evening at 8 o'clock, after which Lt.-Col. Hall will address all the members.

—This afternoon the executive committee of the Canadian Club are holding a meeting in the Tourist Association rooms, to make preparations for the annual meeting of the club, which will be held on February 5th.

—This evening's meeting of the school board has been postponed until to-morrow evening, owing to the fact that the funeral of the late Mrs. Jay, mother of George Jay, the chairman, takes place this afternoon.

—Last evening the "at home" of the Baraca class of the Central Baptist church was held at the home of A. B. McNeill, Bodwell street. A programme of games and music was given and refreshments were served. Among those supplying the music were Miss Sherrard, Miss Davies, A. Finch and others.

—To-morrow evening at 8 o'clock a meeting of the Victoria branch of the B. C. Timber and Forestry Chamber of Commerce will be held in Sir William Wallace hall, Broad street. All persons interested in timber, are requested to be present, as important business will be discussed.

### HINDU CREMATION.

Ceremony Connected With the Last Rites Took Place at Esquimalt.

Quano Singh, a native of Lahore, India, died at 1711 Government street a few days ago, and yesterday afternoon his body was cremated at the foot of Fraser street, Esquimalt. A number of Hindus followed the hearse of W. B. Smith, which bore the corpse to the pyre, where the ceremony observed by the deceased's countrymen on such an occasion were to be carried out. In a clearing behind a small copse of trees, so as to be hidden from the view of passersby, cordwood had been piled, where the corpse was to be converted into ashes. One Hindu, who was attired in military uniform, led the procession to the pyre, with a tin of kerosene, another came behind him with butter, the rest of the Hindus following in a disordered fashion. The casket containing the corpse was carried into the clearing, where the street adjoins the sea, then the body was laid out on a blanket. In the meantime one of the followers brought a pail of water from a nearby house, and with soap and water the deceased was washed, after which it was coated with butter, and then wrapped with white linen, during which operation some of the men prepared the pyre to receive their dead comrade, who was placed with reverence upon the wood, and the blanket which had covered him was spread close by. With bare feet one of the Hindus sat on the blanket, accompanied by some others in a sitting posture, all joined hands, and one of them chanted from a book which he had before him, while the others mournfully bowed their heads, after which they rose, clapped their hands and then posed for a moment or so.

A match was then lighted and with this the kindling was ignited, when the whole pile was soon wrapped in flames. It was not long before the fire had consumed all the remains, and when it had burned itself out the ashes of the dead man were gathered by friends and the ceremony was at an end.

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### ELECTION IS TO BE HELD TO-MORROW

Selection of a School Trustee Will Be Made by the Electorate.

To-morrow morning at 9 o'clock the polls will open at the police court, City Hall, for the purpose of voting for school trustee to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Huggett.

The candidates are as follows: W. E. Stanceland, J. W. Bolden, P. W. Dempster, Robert Erskine and W. Blakemore.

In reply to the circular, sent to all the candidates in the recent election for school trustees, requesting them to support the insertion of a fair contracts clause in all contracts let by the board, and also asking if they would urge upon the government the advisability of printing school text books and the handling of them free of charge to the pupils of the public schools, copies of which were sent to the present candidates, they answered as follows: W. E. Stanceland—"I am in favor of both."

William Blakemore—"If necessary I will move and in any case I will support a resolution in the school board providing that in all tenders the clause which you name shall be inserted. I will also urge both by resolution and by personal appeal to the government that they shall undertake such steps as will enable them to furnish free school books to all children attending the public schools in this province."

P. W. Dempster, interviewed by a member of the committee, stated that he was heartily in favor of both propositions. The reply of Robert Erskine a fortnight ago to the first question was, "Yes." To the second, "Yes, if at the present time it is at all practicable."

J. W. Bolden—"I am in favor of the first resolution, but would rather wait till this is in force before proceeding for free school books, on account of the large expense."

### ELECTED OFFICERS.

Native Sons Made Selection at Last Night's Meeting.

Last evening at the Knights of Pythias hall the Native Sons held their meeting for the election of officers. The following officers were elected:

Past chief, J. E. Wootton; first vice-factor, L. J. Quagliotti; second vice-factor, H. G. Mason; recording secretary, A. E. Haynes (re-elected); secretary-treasurer, E. P. Johnston (re-elected); treasurer, J. A. McTavish (re-elected); auditor, W. A. Lawson; inside sentinel, Wm. Irvine; outside sentinel, E. H. Henley.

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will take place on the last Tuesday in February. Reports were submitted showing satisfactory progress for the past year. The five hundred tournament was not completed last night, as the election of officers had taken up so much time, but will be completed at the next meeting.

### A YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY TO-NIGHT

Dr. Horsfall Will Address the Christian Endeavor Union in Metropolitan Church.

To those interested in the Christian Endeavor movement, it will be sufficient to announce that at to-night's rally, in the Metropolitan Methodist church, the speaker will be Dr. Frank L. Horsfall, of Seattle, who is known as one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the movement on the Sound. Dr. Horsfall has had a large experience with the practical side of life, and as a speaker is not only strong and pleasing, but intensely practical, and none should miss this chance of hearing his address on "The Opportunity for Work by the Christian Young People."

In addition to Dr. Horsfall's address the programme committee have arranged a treat for lovers of music and two well known Victoria vocalists will



DR. HORSFALL.

be heard in gospel song. Miss McIntosh, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian choir and Miss S. Sherratt, of the Central Baptist choir. The social committee has also been working hard, and these committees assisted by the executive, are sparing no pains to make this, the first rally of 1908, the most enjoyable and profitable in the history of the local union.

At the close of the rally in the church the Endeavorers will be entertained in the schoolroom with music and refreshments provided by the social committee. Everybody is cordially invited and young and old will receive a hearty welcome.

### NEW BANK BUILDING ON GOVERNMENT STREET

Royal Bank of Canada to Build Opposite Present Site.

Sea & Goven, the popular Government Street haberdashers, are moving from their old quarters into the Mahon block. Their place is being taken by Fred Foster, the taxidermist and furrier, who has leased the premises for eighteen months. At the close of that time the store, as well as that occupied by W. Hovens, will be pulled down and a modern structure erected in its place.

A short time ago the building was purchased by the Royal Bank of this city, who will erect a fine bank premises thereon, probably somewhat similar in structure to the building in the Bank of British North America.

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### RIFLEMEN MET LAST EVENING

### REVIEW OF RECORD FOR THE PAST YEAR

Officers Elected and General Business Transacted by Association.

The Fifth Regiment Rifle Association met last night at the drill hall. There was a good attendance, the Fifth showing that its interest in rifle shooting has in nowise diminished.

The officers elected were: Patron: His Hon. the Lieut.-Governor and Mayor Hall; honorary presidents, Lieut.-Col. E. G. Prior, Lieut.-Col. Gregory and Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden; president, officers commanding the Fifth Regiment, vice-president, Major Currie; secretary-treasurer, Col. Sergeant Major Caven; auditors, Major Wilson and Capt. Booth.

The following were appointed an executive committee: Captain W. N. Winsby, Capt. R. Angus, Capt. W. P. Winsby, Sergt.-Major McDougall, Q. M. Sergt. Lettice, Co. Sergt.-Major Lorimer, Co. Q. M. Sergt. Brayshaw, Sergeants Carr, Strachan, Corpl. Parker, Gunnery Winsby and Fisher.

Most unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the city council for the yearly grant.

A great deal of time was taken up in discussing the probabilities of having the provincial meet held here next summer. If twelve targets could be used then the meet would be here for certain, but at present there are only eight targets available, which is considered insufficient. Steps will be taken to bring the matter before the proper authorities. The young shots of Victoria complain that they are not getting a square deal when the provincial meeting is each year held on Richmond range.

The annual report of the committee revealed the work of the year and was as follows:

To the Members:—In presenting this, the twelfth annual report of the association, your committee are pleased to report that the finances are in a flourishing condition, the actual balance being about double that of last year. Although there are no special achievements to record, yet the members have been fairly successful in all the competitions in which they took part. The aggregate of the B. C. R. A. was won by Qr. Major-Sergt. Lettice, with a comfortable lead over his opponents. Several valuable prizes fell to the prowess of our hospital sergeant at Calgary. At Toronto our representatives were very much in evidence, their names appearing at or near the top in several matches. At Ottawa the team from the Fifth Regiment was third for the Coates cup, only losing by two points. The London merchants' cup for provincial teams only was again won by British Columbia. Hospital Sergeant Richardson was third in the governor's and second in the Bisley aggregate. He was also a member of the Canadian team, which shot in the Palma trophy competition.

Three of our members (Co. Sergt.-Major Caven, Sergt. Carr and Gunner Fisher) were on the team which represented Canada at Bisley. Two were selected to shoot in the Mackinnon competition, and one for the Kojapore cup. A prize which is of special interest to Canadians at Bisley is that offered by Lord Strathcona; it is usually a silver cup, which goes to the member of the Canadian team who is highest in the grand aggregate. After a decidedly interesting and close finish it was won by Co. Sergt.-Major Caven.

There are now three of these cups in Victoria. Besides the one just mentioned Sergt.-Major McDougall won in 1901 and Hospital Sergt. Richardson in 1902. This is a remarkably good showing for the regiment, considering the small number of representatives in the different teams.

At home there was not so much interest shown in rifle shooting as has been the case for a few years back. This was probably owing to cutting out the club firing which, until this year, was compulsory to earn efficiency pay.

In the class prizes the following are the different winners and the scores made by them: First class, Gunner P. B. Fisher, winner of gold medal, with a score of 532; second class, winner of first prize, Corp. A. Richardson, 461; second prize, Gunner G. Anderson, 457; third class, first prize, Gunner I. Culross, 383; second prize, Gunner J. H. Newberry, 229. The prizes in the second and third classes are, first, 36; second, 34. The competition for these prizes is not nearly so keen as it ought to be. In the first class there were more than half a dozen who made any showing; in the second class it was little better, and in the third class the winner of the second prize never fired at the long ranges. Under these circumstances it may be advisable to discontinue the class prizes or to alter the conditions of the competition.

The annual shoot was as usual held on Thanksgiving Day. The entries which numbered 76 were not as large as they should have been, and the shooting was not quite up to the usual standard. Sergt. Carr was the winner of the D. R. A. silver medal and Co. Sergt.-Major Caven won the D. R. A. bronze medal. In company competitions for the Bankers' trophy and the Gregory cup for junior shots No. 2 company was successful in the former and No. 2 company in the latter.

For next season your committee have entered a team in a very interesting competition. It is the "Over-Sea's" Inter-Colonial Empire competition, which, as its name indicates, is shot for by any team belonging to a rifle association or club located in any part of the Empire, over-seas. Up to the present there is an entry of 48 teams, of which 26 are Canadian. This match takes place on the 24th day of May, Empire day. The competition was inaugurated last year by the Daily Mail of London, England, and this year the winning team will hold for the year the splendid fifty-guinea

challenge cup, presented by the "Over-Sea's Daily Mail." It is to be hoped that when the season commences the members will turn out in large numbers and practice consistently so that a good showing may be made in this competition. We are very hopeful that the provincial meet may this year be held at Clover Point.

Your committee avail themselves of this opportunity to place on record their grateful thanks for the continued assistance received from the city council, and also to those friends of the regiment who in any way contributed to the success of our annual shoot.



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"There is no question," said Mr. MacDonald, "but that the Lieutenant-Governor must act on the advice of his ministers and the people can bring pressure to bear on them in order to carry out their policy to the hilt."

Dealing with the matter of Asiatic immigration, Mr. MacDonald said he had always been opposed to it, not only for the protection of the workers but because he considered the Japanese a menace to the country and to the Empire. Our predecessors had struggled for centuries to raise the condition of the working men, often under the greatest difficulties, in order that men might get a commensurate value for the product of their toil. They had succeeded in raising the wages to the present height. Was it fair, he asked, that when they had attained this position they should subject them to such conditions as competition with these people? He was not appealing to the workers but to fair men of all classes and he asked them what they would do.

They had already had an exhibition of what might happen if the Japanese were allowed in the country in the recent deplorable occurrences at Vancouver. If the Japanese were allowed in, it would be only a short time before they would equal if not surpass in number the white people. Would the Japanese and white population keep their tempers? There would be war. If they were going to keep on good terms with their friends the Japanese now was the time to act. This phase of the question was not only for the working man, it appealed to everyone. Now was the time to protect the country.

Speaking of the Natal bill now before the House, Mr. MacDonald said that it would not affect either the Japanese or the Chinese. Mr. McPhillips said it was unconstitutional, but they would now see where he would stand in the House. Mr. MacDonald claimed that it was perfectly constitutional, and he was going to vote for it. The province had a right to legislate on any question which was not repugnant to Dominion legislation. The Dominion government had legislated on both the Chinese and Japanese questions so that these people would be outside its scope, but it would affect the immigration of Hindus.

Mr. Bowser said he would appoint constables to patrol the coast and prevent the Chinese and Japanese from landing, but Mr. Bowser was only humbugging the people. He was not sincere. If it should be passed, the law would not affect either the Chinese or the Japanese.

In dealing with the Chinese immigration the Laurier government had taken hold of it in a statesmanlike way. As soon as they were returned to power they had raised the tax to one hundred dollars. Then they appointed a commission to investigate and as soon as it reported, the tax was raised to five hundred dollars.

In dealing with the Japanese question, the speaker said that when it became a vital one the Dominion government took it up with the Imperial authorities. Japan had taken her place as a world power and it was impossible to deal with her on the same basis as the Chinese. The Dominion did the right thing in taking the matter up diplomatically and arranging with Japan to keep her people from coming here in large numbers.

While he was not prepared to sacrifice the white race, Mr. MacDonald said if they could at the same time protect themselves it was wise to arrive at a compromise. British Columbia had derived much benefit from this commerce, more than any other province in the Dominion. In the interest of this province it was desirable to have friendly relations with the Oriental races. Trade in this direction was growing very fast, especially in wheat, coal and timber. The future prosperity of the province would be largely the result of trade with the Orient. Was it wise then, he asked, to jeopardize that trade if it could be kept without jeopardizing the people?

At the time of the making of the commercial treaty with Japan, the Conservatives were all in favor of it, the only criticism they made was that it had been delayed so long. When the first arrangement was made to Restrict Immigration

from her country no one dreamed that Japan would carry out her part of the arrangement. Both parties were equally deceived. Those who blamed Laurier were true neither to their party, their country, or the Empire to which they belong. He believed the settlement which had been made was the best possible for the province. It would injure neither the workingman nor the merchant. British Columbia felt sure would go on and grow until she became the banner province of the whole Dominion of Canada.

Turning now to the alienation of the wealth of the province during the past year or two, Mr. MacDonald roundly scored the provincial government. He had raised his voice against the giving away of the timber lands no less than three years ago when the bill was passed, making the arrangements which had just been annulled. From six to seven million acres of land had been already alienated containing over one hundred billion feet of lumber, enough at the present rate of cutting to last two hundred years. In the United States, he said, it would take only twenty years at the present rate to use up all the available timber. Had the timber been been handled, it would have been sufficient to pay all the costs of government and then left a goodly sum in the treasury. The time was coming when the timber would be worth more in British Columbia than it is today in Quebec. Most of the timber here now was not in the hands of lumbermen, but was held by speculators whom he did not blame. He did, however, blame the government who had put this timber in the hands of those who would levy tribute on the people. In conclusion, Mr. MacDonald said that if the Liberals worked hard and kept in view the principles of the old party, the patriots who had fought for the people's rights, they would succeed. All should work together to put

out a government which would not do the fair thing, and replace them by a government that would work for the people as a whole.

JOHN OLIVER.

John Oliver, M. P., the second speaker of the evening, was greeted with applause on ascending the platform. After a preliminary address, he soon got down to business and poured all kinds of hot shot into the ranks of the Conservative party. Dealing with the timber question, Mr. Oliver said that three years ago the present attorney-general had said it was necessary to give the speculators a chance, and only a few days ago the new Napoleon, who is to conquer the whole Dominion, and even Japan, had said he would welcome capital, no matter from what source it might come. It was his opinion, however, that the timber investments were simply a form of gambling. Since the three open years the output of timber had increased only fifty per cent, while the area alienated had increased one thousand per cent. The effect would be that when the mill men require timber they would have to meet the prices asked, and the consumer would have to pay. Most of the men who would be foreigners. Not only in timber was the speculator given a chance in this country. At Revelstoke the Conservative party had declared it to be its policy to reserve coal lands for the use of the people. This had not been done, but on the contrary every foot of land had been alienated, and none reserved.

The Liberals in the House, said Mr. Oliver, had been urging on the government to make surveys and to secure reliable information in order that immigrants who come here might be placed on the land. They had been urging this policy for years. A small vote had been made on one occasion for the purpose, but it was not one-tenth enough. The result had been that there was not now a location in the province where the government could place a settler.

Taking up the question of the Grand Trunk Pacific, Mr. Oliver said that the railways would develop large areas of the province. The contract had been denounced by the provincial government on every platform. The provincial government had wholly failed to take advantage of the position. They had allowed speculators to take up all the available land in the districts around where the railroad would pass. The amount of land so taken up was so great that the provincial government were wholly unable to give any information on the subject. "The speculator," said Mr. Oliver, "has everything, and the settler will be squeezed of every possible cent when he comes. Is this a wise policy? Will a white population come under these conditions? He will go instead to the prairies, where he can get free land." "Land for the settler is a good liberal policy," (Cheers.) A good, happy, contented population, with a good government, is what the country needs. The people must rise in their might and take the matter in their own hands.

The Conservative government has given millions of acres to companies. Set these men about against Laurier, when speaking of the best government the country ever had.

"There has been a cork put in the bottle of Conservative eloquence on corruption," said Mr. Oliver. "Mr. Pugsley put the plug in the hole. He dared Mr. Borden to ask him for information on the floor of the House. He said he could give accurate information as to the men who signed the checks or cashed them."

There is at present a bill before the House asking for power to exempt railways for ten years. The Conservative policy is C. P. R. first, C. P. R. second and C. P. R. all the time. The C. P. R. is getting everything. There was only one short line of railway besides, and it took three years to decide upon.

"The power to be given to the government," he said, "was alienating from the just rights of the legislature." He believed the policy of exemption judiciously used might be a good thing, but it depended on the government to administer this wisely. Under this there was no proposal that early construction should take place. The government would have power to do anything if the present bill passed. It would give them a chance to go to the railway companies just before election, when funds are scarce, and ask to talk business.

Turning to the question of better terms, Mr. Oliver said that McBride threatened to take his case to the foot of the throne. He went to England, and when he returned he told what he had done. In the report to the legislature he said he went to try to get the final and unalterable clause taken from the act. That was misleading, for the visit was arranged before that question was taken up.

Lord Elgin pointed out to Mr. McBride that the resolutions were unanimously passed by parliament and that all the provincial premiers except British Columbia had agreed. Other provinces asked for special treatment which was not granted.

Did Mr. McBride get anything when in England? Yes, he got a complete turn down from the Imperial authorities. Lord Elgin said the words "final and unalterable" were omitted because they were considered inappropriate, but not because of representations from Mr. McBride. Final and unalterable was not inserted by the Dominion government, but by the provincial premiers whose suggestions were adopted word for word. Mr. McBride says he is going to keep up this agitation and that is

proof positive that he did not get what he wanted.

"Better terms is too serious a question to be set aside in this way," continued the speaker. "A province importing so many things as this one, suffered from the protective tariff introduced by the Conservative government. If Conservatives should be returned for this province what would be the result? The Conservatives would inquire into the expenditures of the province before doing anything. What would they find if they did this? What about the land grants to railways and corporations. Pulpwood concessions, tan bark concessions and such like monstrosities?" (Laughter and cheers.)

Mr. Oliver quoted from the Dominion Hansard to show that his position was correct.

Mr. Foster proposed to put a check on the debt creating power of the province, and to ask people to vote for him, yet Mr. McBride will have a party that holds such opinions as these against the party who granted the province \$220,000.

Mr. Bergeron, a leading French Conservative, stated that the premiers were not taken seriously.

After years of Laurier rule when the treasury had been replenished, then the question became a serious one. "It is a pertinent question to know," said Mr. Oliver, "whether it would be an advantage to change the present government. Would the other side do anything?"

There were most unscrupulous men to deal with. Men who would have no hesitation to prevaricate in order to mislead the electorate. Mr. Bowser had made a statement about the importation of Japanese which later was proved to be wholly false. Chas. Wilson, a prominent and honest Conservative, said there was no contract between the Grand Trunk and the Japanese. The contract was made by friends of the present government. A man who would thus deliberately slander his fellow citizens was a man not to be trusted.

Mr. Oliver said he was not a slavish party man. When he found it was for the benefit of the country to change his allegiance, he should not hesitate in doing so.

Other Speakers.

Although the hour was getting late when Mr. Oliver closed, the audience was not satisfied and interesting addresses were given by George R. Naden, of Greenwood, Dr. Hall of Nelson; H. G. Brewster, of Alberni, and R. D. Dry, of Victoria. All were extremely interesting, but Mr. Dry's speech was a rousing battle cry in which he, with great force, urged upon the Liberals of the city the necessity of getting to work in preparation for the next Dominion election.

Other Speakers.

John W. Coburn, Nanaimo; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Armstrong, Shawanigan Lake; C. T. Armstrong, Vancouver; C. F. Woods, Columbia; O. J. A. Humbird, St. Paul; T. J. Humbird, St. Paul; J. M. Hawthorn, Seattle; Dr. Irving, Mrs. D. W. Kerfoot, Astoria; G. T. Maurice, Brads; David H. Hays, Fredericton; Mr. and Mrs. E. Chedden, R. Dalby Morkill, H. C. Clarke and wife, Vancouver; A. P. Chatten, F. L. Sanders, Edmonds; Chas. Thomson, Swift Current; F. B. Eaton, Kingston, Ont.; A. P. Devine, Vancouver; Miss Florence Roberts, T. Bergen, New York; Kay McKay, Seattle.

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Grace George.

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In reply to your note of even date,  
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the existing treaty between Japan and  
Canada absolutely guarantees to Jap-



Dominion of Canada, yet it is not the intention of the Imperial government to insist upon the complete enjoyment of the rights and privileges guaranteed by those stipulations when that would involve disregard of special conditions which may prevail in Canada from time to time.

"Acting in this spirit and having particular regard to circumstances of recent occurrence in British Columbia, the Imperial government have decided to take effective means to restrict emigration to Canada. In carrying out this purpose, the Imperial government, in pursuance of the policy above stated, will give careful consideration to local conditions prevailing in Canada, with a view to meeting the desires of the government of the Dominion as far as is compatible with the spirit of the treaty and the dignity of the state.

Although, as stated in the note under reply, it was not possible for me to acquiesce in all of the proposals made by you on behalf of the Canadian government, I trust that you will understand the statement herein made proof of the earnest desire of the Imperial government to promote by every means within their power, the growth and stability of the cordial and mutually beneficial relations which exist between our countries. I venture to believe also, that this desirable result will be found to have been materially advanced by the full exchange of views which has taken place between us, and it gives me special pleasure to acknowledge the obligation under which I have been placed by your frank and considerate explanations regarding the attitude and wishes of your government.

"I avail myself, etc.

(Sgd.) TADASHI HAYASHI.  
The Honorable Mr. Rudolph Lemieux,  
Postmaster-General and Minister of  
Labor for Canada, Tokyo.

In this letter the minister of foreign affairs gives Canada the official assurance that the Imperial government have decided to take effective means to restrict emigration from Japan.

I will be asked at once, what are those efficient means, and where is the guarantee of that restriction?

My answer is that during the course of our conferences, a series of most stringent regulations accompanied by instructions addressed to the local government and to the consuls in Canada were adopted. I can assure the House that the British ambassador and myself are satisfied that these regulations are sufficient for our purpose, and that they will be honestly enforced by the foreign office at Tokyo.

There is, however, one feature of these regulations which I am authorized to make public. We all know how strongly has been resented in British Columbia the presence in large numbers of Asiatic labor.

As minister of labor, I was most anxious to decrease the pressure of surplus alien labor in that province. As a result of the negotiations, all emigration of contract laborers (artisans included), is now prohibited—unless they come at the request of the Dominion government. This means that hereafter, such companies as the Nippon Supply Company of Vancouver, will be unable to co-operate with the emigration companies of Japan in sending labor under contract to this country.

Of course, bona fide students, merchants, and tourists from Japan will, as before, continue to enjoy freedom of entrance in the Dominion.

As regards emigration from the Hawaiian Islands, the question is settled. The Japanese government admit that they have no jurisdiction and no control over the emigrants coming from Honolulu to Canada. Our Alien Labor Act provides against the importation of contract labor from the United States. Hawaii is an American possession, and therefore, our act applies. If its provisions are not found sufficient to meet all requirements, they can be amended accordingly.

It may not be necessary to amend our Alien Labor Act, in view of a recent order in council prohibiting immigrants from landing or coming into Canada unless they come from the country of their birth, or citizenship by a continuous journey, and on through tickets, purchased before leaving the country of their birth, or citizenship. This regulation applies to the Atlantic and Pacific ports, and applies indiscriminately to all countries. It will exclude the Hindus.

With the avenue from Japan carefully regulated, and the avenue from Hawaii completely closed, I can announce to the country that we have eliminated from this issue any features that could give rise to apprehension of any future trouble in regard to Oriental immigration. Besides, we are all aware of the propaganda of certain emigration companies operating in Japan. My deputy minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, points out in his report that such companies are chiefly responsible for the large and sudden increase of contract laborers in British Columbia.

I am pleased to inform the House that these emigration companies have been practically suppressed. Very few have been able to satisfy the new regulations increasing the deposit required by the government. Before I left Japan, Count Hayashi made a statement which was published in the press, and which he repeated to me, that in future as between high diplomatic interests and those of emigrants, the latter would yield. Hereafter, emigration companies in existence will not be allowed by the government of Japan to carry on any emigration work to Canada.

I hope I have convinced the House, Sir, that the arrangement concluded with the Japanese government is satisfactory—though I am prevented for state reasons from unfolding many of its essential details. It is not the first time in the history of parliamentary government that in matters of foreign policy, a minister upon his own responsibility, has withheld from the public such information as he may have judged contrary to the interest of the crown. The principle has been sanctioned on many occasions in England, and there is a wealth of authorities on the subject.

The House, I feel confident, will accept the assurance given officially by Japan to the British government at Tokyo and to His Majesty's government in Canada. A trial of six months or even less will be the best proof that this assurance has been given in good faith.

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## PULP INDUSTRY IN FAR JAPAN

### CANADA CAN MEET INCREASING DEMAND

#### Advantage of Her Proximity to Paper Market of Japan.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—In one of his latest reports to the trade and commerce department, W. T. R. Preston, Dominion trade commissioner in Japan, gives some interesting information on the paper-making industry in the Oriental kingdom. "The Japanese," he says, "are among the oldest paper makers in the world. It is not surprising, therefore, that they should have made themselves acquainted with the more expeditious facilities afforded for the manufacture of paper by the aid of western appliances. The expansion of this business in Japan is shown by the phenomenal increase in the import of wood pulp for the manufacture of paper, as may be seen by the following figures:

	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906
kin.	1,433,868	6,943,497	6,588,197	6,797,118	1,007,344	6,268,927	12,135,560	17,180,398	17,218,481	27,887,171
yeh.	63,787	223,593	236,651	455,139	206,690	265,058	627,159	855,579	1,047,293	1,764,002

Germany is credited with more than two-thirds of the entire pulp imports of Japan. But while it appears to be so by the official records, in point of fact the great bulk actually comes from Norway. The pulp is handled by Hamburg merchants and is carried here in German ships. Formerly the main customer for the pulp carried by German vessels was the United States, which market is said to have been largely exploited by the Canadian manufacturers of pulp, thus replacing the German trade. Since the Hamburg merchants found competition by Canada too keen for them in the United States they directed their attention to the Far East, with the results that have been already indicated.

In the early history of the Japanese pulp industry the wood product was used altogether for the manufacture of what is known as foreign papers. But now there is an ever increasing demand for this raw material for the manufacture of Japanese papers. It has been found that by a proper mixture of the wood pulp with the ingredients usually used for manufacturing Japanese paper, a much cheaper manufactured product is available, and, at the same time, the peculiar fibre of the Japanese paper is not eliminated. From that standpoint it is fair to believe that the demand for wood pulp will increase very largely within the next few years.

On the other hand, it may be said that a combination of prominent paper mills has secured an important pulp wood concession in the northern part of Japan. The manufacture of wood pulp will shortly commence in the district on a large scale, the product being, of course, for use in their own mills. The factories are now approaching completion and are being fitted with all the most improved machinery. It is possible that for a time these circumstances may disturb the market for pulp in the East, but it will only be for a limited period. There are many paper mills that are not interested in the concessions in question, and as they are prepared to enlarge the scope of their operations, an active demand will continue for the supply of foreign wood pulp. The manufacture of paper will expand enormously, keeping pace with other lines of manufacturing during the next few years. This fact will naturally have a tendency to steady the market notwithstanding the local production of pulp.

**Paper Mills Production.**  
The value of the product of the Japanese paper mills in 1905 was:

yen.	13,722,000
European paper	11,059,000
The import of European paper in 1905	amounted to yen 4,300,000.
The import duty levied on wood pulp for manufacturing purposes at present	is yen 6.250 per 100 kin., which is equivalent to yen 0.094 for 100 pounds.

It might be interesting to know that the Japanese manufacture a very good pulp from rice straw, and which is used for the manufacture of European papers. But, unfortunately, the expense attending the manufacture of this pulp makes the product much higher in price than foreign or imported wood pulp referred to. Experiments are being made with a view of reducing the cost of manufacturing the rice straw pulp.

In the Japanese paper mills at the Ehime Prefecture, they are now experimenting with pulp manufactured from waste wheat straw. This product is used in the manufacture of Japanese paper, being mixed in the process with materials known as "Kousu" and "Mitsumata." The writer is not aware whether any efforts have been made to utilize the vast waste wheat straw of the western provinces in this way. This appears to open a more profitable field for experiments than the usual way of disposing of straws of the various cereals that are grown in such enormous quantities in western Canada.

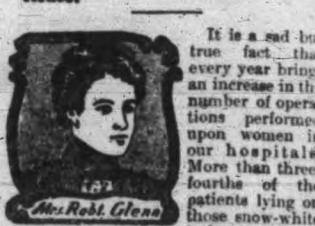
In respect to the Japanese market for Canada labor under advantage as well as opportunities. Dealers in wood pulp have informed me that in ordering from Europe, scarcely less than ninety days elapse from the date of the transmission of a cable order to the arrival of the pulp at a Japanese port. As has already been stated, the pulp comes from Scandinavia and is transferred to German ships at Hamburg.

**Pulp Transportation Charges.**  
But while Canada may enjoy a great advantage in point of comparative

## HOSPITALS CROWDED

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proximity to the markets of the Far East, this is more than overcome by the very cheap cost of transportation from the European ports. Freight charges on pulp from Christiania (Norway) to Yokohama do not exceed thirty shillings (£7.50) per ton, and sometimes a lower quotation can be secured, while from Hamburg to Yokohama the cost of transportation of pulp varies from twenty shillings (\$4.86) to twenty-five shillings (\$6.00) per ton.

At present the price for pulp at Tokyo as per attached sample is four yen per lb., or yen eighty per ton of 2,000 lbs.

The plain statements of fact in this report will enable Canadian manufacturers of wood pulp to realize in how far the eastern market may be available to them now. In considering the question they may rest assured that the demand here for all kinds of pulp will increase enormously in each succeeding year, as Japan will not only be supplying the local demand, but will seek for other markets throughout the entire East, including India as well as China.

1857-1907.  
Some Noted Memories of the Indian Mutiny.

The Indian mutiny of 1857: Those of our readers who remember the stirring events of that year will understand why it was that in 1907, just fifty years later, the anniversary has been celebrated in many ways.

It was in May, 1857, that the outbreak occurred. On Saturday, May 9th, some eighty troopers of the Light Cavalry of Meerut, rebelling on religious grounds, against using the greased cartridges—and they were punished. Apparently the incident was closed.

Next day—Sunday—the Sepoys quartered at Meerut rose in revolt. Slaying every European, male or female, young or old, and burning and destroying property, they turned their faces towards the city of Delhi. The Indian mutiny had begun.

At the commencement of the struggle the British forces in India numbered only about 26,000 men, against 257,000 native soldiers. With the latter there were also the native police, and the yashars attached to the artillery. Thus the white soldiers were outnumbered by nearly nine to one.

These were two points which greatly aided the success of the British—the telegraph and the fact that the rebels

had no real leader. Warning was instantly sent all over the Punjab that "an outbreak had occurred at Meerut, and some troops had reached Delhi." On the other hand, had the Sepoys known their own strength, the British rule in India would have been utterly overthrown.

The city of Delhi was the centre of the fighting for many weeks. At the first onslaught the mutineers murdered all the Europeans, and even the Eurasians who fell into their hands. Lieutenant Willoughby was in charge of the great magazine, and when he found himself being overpowered he laid a train to the powder magazine. Waiting in vain hope of reinforcements till the last minute, he finally gave the signal. The train was fired, and the magazine blown up by the British to prevent it being used against them by the natives. In the explosion hundreds of the latter were killed.

A few officers, women, and children escaped the general massacre, and reached safety after terrible sufferings. Delhi remained in the rebels' hands until September 14th.

Cawnpore, some 300 miles from Delhi, had an even more tragic story to tell. Here the natives greatly outnumbered the British soldiers, and a terrible carnage was the result. Led by the notorious Nana Sahib, the Sepoys besieged the town, and after a heroic defence of three weeks, the English surrendered, on conditions that the survivors were to be furnished with boats and provisions for the voyage down the Ganges to Allahabad. To this Nana Sahib agreed.

No sooner had the embarkation begun than the treaty was traitorously broken. With gun and sword the Sepoys cut down the refugees, irrespective of age or sex. Only a few escaped. Cawnpore can be written down as the name of one of the greatest tragedies known to modern history.

Lucknow had a better fate. The inhabitants numbered 1,720, including women and children. The siege began at the end of June, and was continued until the relief by Havelock on September 25. He himself had to fall back twice on Cawnpore, but he sent word through to the beleaguered garrison to hold out for another twenty days, and to "perish sword in hand rather than surrender." With the relief of Lucknow the great events of the revolt were past.

The mutiny was a time of great deeds which will live for ever. Several of the younger officers who participated in it are still alive, some of them even yet doing their duty with the colors. Among these are Lord Roberts, Lord Wolseley, Sir Evelyn Wood, and Sir George White.

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## IMMIGRATION BILL DEBATED

### ATTORNEY GENERAL GIVES USUAL SPEECH

### He Gives All His Attention to Attacks Upon the Dominion Government.

In the Legislature yesterday afternoon the immigration bill of the Attorney General came up for second reading. As usual Hon. W. J. Bowser at once branched off into an attack upon the Dominion Government and throughout his speech this was the key note.

John Oliver took him in hand and administered well deserved rebuke. The House was occupied for the most part in the regular business of the session, several bills being advanced a stage.

Press Gallery, Jan. 28th.  
The House met at 2 o'clock.  
Correspondence Produced.

Hon. Dr. Young presented a return of correspondence between the secretary of state and the Lieut. Governor with respect to the disallowance of the immigration act of last year.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that the correspondence between the attorney-general and the deputy minister of justice was omitted from the return.

Hon. Mr. Bowser replied that he had not thought that Mr. Oliver's motion applied to these letters and promised that they would be produced.

**Park Lands.**  
Hon. Dr. Young introduced a bill granting to the city of Westminster certain lands in said city for park purposes.  
Withdraw a Motion.

John Oliver withdrew his resolution calling for a return of papers with respect to the immigration bill, in view of the fact that the papers had been brought down by the provincial secretary.

**Questions Answered.**  
John McInnis asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:  
1. Does any agreement or understanding exist between the government and the Salvation Army with a view to bringing immigrants into British Columbia during the year 1908?  
2. Has the government any knowledge of any effort being made by the Salvation Army to bring in immigrants during the year 1908?  
3. Has the Salvation Army been notified by the government as to industrial conditions in British Columbia at the present time?  
The Hon. Dr. Young replied as follows:  
1. Yes.  
2. The Salvation Army has arranged

ed to bring in a number of immigrants as domestic servants and farm laborers, for whom places have been found.  
3. The Salvation Army officer in charge of the immigration to British Columbia has full knowledge of the industrial conditions in the province at the present time.

John Oliver asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. Have any public works been constructed by the department at any time on Barstow Island?  
2. If so, what works and when constructed?  
The Hon. F. J. Fulton replied as follows:

1. No record of any.  
2. Answered by reply to question 1.  
Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. What public works have been authorized by the department during the current year in the constituency of Delta?  
2. How much money has been expended, or authorized to be expended, on such works?  
The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:

1. Road near Cloverdale, \$600; filling Canon Brown road, \$500; Coast Meridian road, Hall's Prairie, \$500; trail, Barnston Island, \$250.

2. Amounts expended as follows: Filling Canon Brown road, \$211.85; Coast Meridian road, Hall's Prairie, \$149.20.  
Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:

Is it the intention of the government to make provision in the estimates for the coming year for the repair of Yale trunk road through the municipalities of Surrey and Langley?

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:  
The matter is receiving consideration.  
Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:

Is it the intention of the government to make provision in the estimates for the coming year for the extension of the Westminster-Ladner River road along the river bank to the town of Ladner?

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:  
The matter is receiving consideration.  
Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. Has the government taken any steps to provide communication, by bridge or ferry, between Westham Island and the mainland?  
2. If so, what steps have been taken?

3. Is it the intention of the government to make any provision in the estimates for the coming year for the establishment of either a bridge or a ferry between Westham Island and the mainland?  
The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:

1. Steps have been taken by the department preliminary to a decision in the question.  
2. Examination by the public works engineer.

3. The matter is receiving consideration.

**Immigration Bill.**  
Hon. W. J. Bowser moved the second reading of the bill to regulate immigration into British Columbia. He took it that there was only one opinion in the province as to the propriety of having some such test as that provided in the act, against immigrants from the Orient. This was evidenced by the unanimity with which the legislation had been passed year after year.

He said that the measure had been disallowed repeatedly at Ottawa was commented upon, and he observed that no opportunity had been given to have the question of the jurisdiction of the province to pass such legislation, settled, as it should have been, by the courts. In 1902 the Dominion authorities were put in possession of the report of the attorney-general appointed to inquire into the Oriental question, in which the menace of Oriental immigration to British Columbia interests, was clearly demonstrated. A plea of ignorance of the situation here was, therefore, impossible on their part. Notwithstanding the information they possessed on this subject the Dominion government had inaugurated a treaty with Japan in which the interests of this province were clearly disregarded. There was every reason from a British Columbia point of view, why a mutual immigration arrangement should not be perfected between Canada and Japan. He suggested the necessity of labor in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific project, as a possible reason for the stance taken by the Dominion authorities.

He cited Sir Wilfrid Laurier's language, which he interpreted as an assurance that no serious Japanese immigration was to be anticipated, as a result of the treaty and in which he voiced the growing trade intimacy between Canada and the Orient, and the obligation imposed upon Canada of doing nothing to jeopardize the relations

between Great Britain and Japan. This he took to be a declaration of the Dominion premier that British Columbia would be unpatriotic if it did anything to protect itself against this, during which thousands of Chinese invaded the province, there was no endeavor made by the Conservative government to check the immigration. When the Liberal government came into power they appointed a commission of enquiry and had doubled the head tax. When this was shown to be ineffective the head tax was increased to five hundred dollars. In their eighteen years of office the Conservatives only attempted one measure, the \$50 tax. The Liberals had, closely following their accession to power, increased this tax until it became effective as a remedy against any serious immigration. Conservative critics tried to attach responsibility to the provincial Liberal government for allowing the Japanese treaty to pass unquestioned. Yet the records showed that the only Conservative interest evidenced was Mr. Bowser's enquiry as to the value of a Japanese yen.

He showed that the local government had made no serious effort to enforce the act while it was in operation here. The appointment of the government to enforce the act had acted so as to encourage Japanese immigration, finding it to their financial advantage to do so. Hon. Mr. McBride said this was not the report of the committee. John Oliver challenged the premier to read the evidence given before the committee. He went on to say that the justice of the peace employed to examine the immigrants had encouraged the admission of Japanese for monetary advantage. An ex-official of the government had testified (before the committee) that he was awaiting his commission so that he might share in the rake-off.

The attorney-general was not, in sympathy with his political friends at Ottawa, who had urged the government that if the government made the treaty it was wrong and if it did not make it it was still more wrong. If the treaty should entail a large influx of Japanese he (Mr. Oliver) might be inclined to think that the price of the treaty advantages was too high. But the evidence evoked by Mackenzie King indicated that such an influx was not to be anticipated, except through the medium of interests with which the treaty had nothing to do. He believed the assurances of the Japanese government must be accepted, owing to the status which it had attained among the nations of the world. He chided the attorney-general for the innuendo he had thrown out as to what the Dominion government might do in permitting the immigration of Japanese to suit the convenience of certain railway corporations. He reminded the attorney-general that he had not told the people in the Victoria theatre that he made his statement about Robert Kelly and others having engaged to bring a large number of Japanese into the country on the authority of a Liberal of Vancouver. The statement would not be less scurrilous in any case. In this connection he read a statement from Charles Wilson, K. C., that the evidence of the recent commission disclosed no suggestion that such a contract was contemplated on behalf of the Grand Trunk Pacific Company. The attorney-general had not only been guilty of making an untrue statement, but had the hardihood to repeat the same in a modified form in the House.

As to the attorney-general's references to Duncan Ross, he did not think Duncan Ross was a man to run away from his enemies, and predicted that the attorney-general would find him ready to meet him when the time came. He pointed out that Mr. Ross had made his statements outside the House in newspaper interviews, and could be got in the courts if the attorney-general felt himself slandered thereby. He remarked that the House would require assurance that the government was in earnest with respect to the bill before the House, noting it as peculiar that the bill was not introduced on message from His Honor the Lieut. Governor. He called attention to a provision in section 2 of the act, which he claimed nullified its effectiveness, and challenged the attorney-general's opinion on the point.

Hon. Mr. Bowser said the whole question was whether the courts would hold the act to be constitutional. John Oliver contended that the answer was in the affirmative. The point he raised was not a constitutional one. It was a question of law. The provision he referred to stipulated that the act should not apply to any person whose entry was fixed by an act of the parliament of Canada.

The Socialist Leader.  
Mr. Hawthorthwaite disagreed with the premise of Mr. Oliver, that the Japanese could not be legislated against, owing to the status they had attained among the nations of the world. As a point for consideration in this regard, he said that England had entered into some most disreputable alliances for the purpose of furthering her own interests. He differed from Mr. Oliver's appreciation of Duncan Ross, contending that that gentleman was the best man who should be quoted as an exponent of truth and decency.

He pointed out that the clause in the bill objected to by Mr. Oliver was in the bill of last year and yet no question was raised as to its effect upon the validity of the bill. He contended that the province had jurisdiction to pass the bill, but predicted that its fate would be prompt disallowance. The proper course for the government to have taken was to convene the legislature as a protest against disallowance and to permit the immediate reenactment of the measure. He introduced a lengthy argument in justification of restrictions being imposed against Oriental peoples, on economic grounds. He believed in the passage of the Natal Act, but declined to believe that it would settle the question, which must be met on broader grounds. The workers of Canada entertained no race hatred toward the Japanese. And it was desirable that such should be the case in view of the threatening possibilities of the Orient with its 750,000,000 souls. He believed the remedy announced through the Ottawa authorities would be a splendid settlement in time. But he questioned whether any definite agreement had been reached with Japan to assure the exclusion of her subjects. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he argued, was professedly out of sympathy with the province on this question, and he wished the premier could be impressed with a true appreciation of the subject. He intimated that the Socialists would support the bill.

Mr. Ross moved the adjournment of the debate.  
The House then rose.

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**DANCING CLASS**—Every Tuesday and Saturday evening, at Labor Hall, from 7.30 to 9.30, latest dances taught; lessons, 50c.

**WANTED**—Men and women to learn Barber Trade. Write and while long; catalogue free; write Moler Barber College, Carroll St., Vancouver.

**SILVER BAND MINING CO., LTD.**—The annual ordinary meeting of shareholders will be held at the office, 74 Wharf street, Victoria, on Wednesday, 12th February, 1908, at 8 p. m. F. F. Hedgcock, secretary-treasurer.

**MONEY TO LOAN**—On real estate and improved property. Mr. Hartman, 1319 Government street.

**"THE ABERDEEN"**, 72 Yates St., Victoria, B. C. Board and residence, well furnished, comfortable, home-like and select; all white labor. Mrs. J. Aberdeen Gordon.

**M. H. E. HOWES**, psychic medium and healer, can be consulted daily. Room 7, Vernon Building, Douglas street.

**TRIMBLE & SON**, general teaming, ploughing and excavating. 12 Putman street. Phone 4123.

**WANTED**—Copying for a few hours each evening, manuscripts, letters, etc., neatly typewritten at reasonable rates. Apply Mrs. J. J. Fisher, 2100 Government street, Tel. 1000.

**JAPANESE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE**—All kinds of labor supplied at lowest rates. 1901 Government street, Tel. 1000.

**THE JAPANESE GENERAL CONTRACT CO., LTD.**, 29 Store street, telephone No. 1556. Labor supplied, of any number or description, on short notice.

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL**—Having purchased the blacksmith and carriage shop of W. A. Robertson, 2505, 55 Douglas street, between Douglas and Government streets, I am now prepared to do all kinds of blacksmithing, carriage painting and shoeing, etc. I make a specialty of shoeing horses with corns, quarter cracks, etc. Attention is called to my change of address, and all old customers and new ones are cordially invited to give me a call. J. J. Fisher, 2100 Government street.

**THE LATEST** sheet metal electric sign. Market maker, Victoria, B. C. Phone 5124.

**CONTRACTORS**—We can furnish you with laborers, or any kind of men, at short notice; Poles, Blava, Huna, Italian, Lithuanian, etc.; also several well trained monkeys. Boston Shipping Co., 15 Norfolk street, New York City.

**WANTED—FEMALE HELP.**  
WANTED—Young girl to assist in light house work. Apply 1185 Scotchby St.

**WANTED—Immediately**, general servant, Apply 725 Vancouver street.

**WANTED—Girl** for general house and plain cooking. Apply Mrs. Aaronson's Curio Store, 100 Government St.

**WANTED**—A respectable middle-aged lady will take care of your home during your absence, or desires to make her home with some respectable family and make herself useful. Apply Box 174, this office.

**TEACHER WANTED**—For Keenleyside school. Salary \$50. Apply to J. T. Pirkin, Secretary, Keenleyside.

**WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.**  
WANTED—3 or 4 roomed cottage, Feb. 1st, or soon after, wholly or partly furnished; gas connection; adults; must be close in, walking distance. Box 174, Times Office.

**WANTED—Teacher** for Sahlin rural school, salary \$25 per month. Address P. A. Hinchcliffe, Sec'y, Duncan, B. C.

**WANTED—To exchange** for house and lot, the difference will be paid in cash. Address, P. O. Box 411, City.

**WANTED—Old coats and vests**, pants, boots and shoes, trunks, valises, shotguns, revolvers, overcoats, etc. Highest cash prices paid. Will call at any address. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 24 Johnson street, second doors below Government street.

**WANTED—Scrap brass**, copper, zinc, lead, cast iron, sacks, and all kinds of bottles and rubber; highest cash prices paid. Victoria Junk Agency, 50 and 52 Store street. Phone 1524.

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BUNGALOW—7 rooms, new, modern. \$4,000.  
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All have been greatly reduced.

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FAIRFIELD ESTATE. \$500 to \$850.  
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Good Terms.

**REPLIES TO ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
Replies to Advertisements. Letters in reply to advertisements in the classified columns of the Times await claimants as follows:

**LETTERS—A. B. T. L. X. Y. Z.**  
NUMBERS—20, 72, 25, 100, 105, 111, 123, 125, 128, 146, 151, 152, 156, 160, 162, 172, 329, 417, 682.

**FOR SALE**  
FOR SALE—Seven room house and 1 lot, electric light, fruit trees, bath and woodshed, on Nelson street, price \$1,250. Globe Agency Co., Gordon Bldg.

**SEVEN ACRES**—At Gordon Head, partly cleared; price \$300 per acre. Globe Agency Co.

**LOT—OR** Richmond avenue, \$75. Globe Agency Co.

**FOR SALE**—Gent's bicycle, almost new, two-speed brake, only \$30. Pimley Automobile Co., Victoria, B. C.

**FOR SALE**—A snap, 4 roomed cottage, in splendid condition, beautiful garden and full sized lot, \$800 cash and balance on terms to suit. Apply 585 View street.

**FOR SALE**—Good family cow, Apply 1002 Caledonia avenue.

**FOR SALE**—2 cash registers, 1 safe, quick sale, cheap. Box 150, Times Office.

**FOR SALE**—2 nearly new 120-egg incubators and 3 brooders; also several thoroughbred Brown Leghorn cockerels. Apply C. H. Revercomb, 538 Trousseau Ave.

**FOR SALE**—Some of the best fruit land on the island, suitable for large farm, within 40 yards of railway station, no rock, will be sold at about half value. Apply C. H. Revercomb, 538 Trousseau Ave.

**FOR SALE**—At January sale prices, choice acreage, suitable for large farm, and other small tracts close to city. Great values in houses, bungalows, cottages, lots, etc. Apply C. H. Revercomb, 538 Trousseau Ave.

**FOR SALE**—A beautiful home, and furniture if desired, suitable for large family or high-class boarding house, immediate delivery. Particulars, Post Office Box 52.

**FOR SALE**—Small brougham, with pole and shaft. Apply Coachman, Fernwood, Cadboro Bay road.

**ADVERTISER**, leaving city, will sell some house property, lots and acreage, on small, long-continued payments at 4 per cent interest. Would take about half surrounding value. Call on one of the properties. No. 152, Times Office.

**HARDY CABBAGE PLANTS**, 50c per 100; \$2 per 1,000. Catalogue of nursery stock free on application. Mr. Tolmie Nursery, Victoria.

**FOR SALE**—Choice large lots, on the highest part of Smith Hill, commanding elevations, magnificent views, \$50 each, easy terms. Collierston, Woodlands, Cedar Vale, Victoria.

**MIDNEY**—Owner wishes to sell 10 acres good land, all clear, with 100 ft. wide, 4 mile from Sidney station, 4 mile from school, cheap for immediate sale. Apply Box 428, P. O. Victoria.

**SLAB WOOD FOR SALE**—Mill slabs cut into lengths at \$2.00 per cord. Inquire of any part of city. B. F. Graham Lumber Co., Ltd. Phone No. 584. Orders also taken at John Bros. Store.

**FOR SALE**—Hammerless I. J. revolver, 22 cal. 10 shells, \$4; jewelled Am. Walham watches, \$25. History of the World, 9 vols. \$15; shotgun and case, almost new, \$15; safety razor, \$2; navy serge suit, \$5; army overcoat, \$4.50. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 24 Johnson street, four doors below Government.

**TO LET**  
TO LET—Basement, with back entrance. Apply 1001 West 20th, Government St.

**TO LET**—For 2 months, beautifully furnished modern 4 rms., in one of the best localities in the city, rent \$25. For full particulars, inquire of Herbert Culbertson, C. 618 Fort street. Phone 1610.

**FURNISHED ROOMS TO RENT**—40 Fort street.

**TO RENT**—Poultry and fruit farm, capable of carrying 2,000 chickens and 500 fruit trees. Address Box 146, this office.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA MATILDA HUMBER, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C., DECEASED.**

All persons indebted to the estate of Maria Matilda Humber, late of the City of Victoria, deceased, are requested to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith to the undersigned or to R. Humber, 45 George road, and all persons having claims against the said estate are requested to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned before the first day of March, 1908. After the said date the estate will be distributed amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which only of which the executors had then notice.

Dated the 11th day of January, 1908.  
S. R. OSTERHOFF, Executors.  
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**IN**  
VICTORIA AND NANAIMO.

**Also**  
FARMS in the Cowichan Valley, Etc., Etc.

**WRITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND PARTICULARS.**

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Of the several different ways to advertise, the one important consideration, in connection with the best returns, in dollars and cents, is "persistence"—that steady, confident spirit that invariably wins in every form of human endeavor.

much like every undertaking worth while, time and patience are required. The spasmodic efforts of a merchant can have but one logical result—Spasmodic returns and it naturally follows the persistent advertiser is the one who receives that steady, paying return in increased trade.

**Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Homestead Regulations.**

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, Yukon, and Alaska, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or alone over 21 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, or 160 acres, more or less.

Section of 160 acres, more or less, may be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent or Sub-Agent, or by proxy, or by power of attorney, or by the land agent of the applicant, and if the land application is made in person, the applicant must be present at the time of the application.

An application for entry or inspection made personally at any Sub-Agent's office may be wired to the local agent by the Sub-Agent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land application is made in person, the applicant must be present at the time of the application.

Where an entry is summarily cancelled, or voluntarily abandoned, subsequent to the date of cancellation, the applicant for inspection will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Application for inspection must state in what particulars the homestead is in default, and if subsequently the statement is found to be incorrect, in matters particulars, the applicant will lose any prior right of re-entry, should the land become vacant, or if entry is granted it may be summarily cancelled.

**DUTIES**—A settler is required to perform the conditions under one of the following plans:

(1) If the settler has his permanent residence upon the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the settler has no permanent residence upon the land, but if the father is deceased of a homestead residence upon a farm in the vicinity of the land, the settler must be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

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**Good Furniture and Effects.**  
We have for sale some first-class  
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**W. C. KERR, 710 Yates St.**  
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We are open to buy or sell for cash,  
good **HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE**  
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crusher.

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We are now receiving ship-  
ments of **BANFF AN-**  
**THRACITE COAL**, an ex-  
cellent fuel for furnaces.

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**BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.** We call your attention to  
our **YATES ST. SHOW WINDOW**, which is dressed with a  
complete line of **YALE & TOWNE'S BUILDERS' HARD-**  
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We are now ready to give estimates on buildings from the  
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**The West End Grocery Company**  
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That is a big word, but it means we have got the goods and  
the price is right.

## SPECIAL

**WHITE SAP APPLES, a box.....\$2.00**  
These apples are firm, juicy and a nice red color. Try a box.

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SELLING AGENTS FOR VOONIA TEA.

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## WET PLACES

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**E. B. MARVIN & CO.**

SHIP CHANDLERS,

1206 WHARF STREET.

## EGGS, EGGS, EGGS.

Keep your poultry laying. You can't find a better balanced  
ration. We have it for you—**SYLVESTER'S EXCELSION MEAL**  
**FEED**, warm in morning.

**\$1.50 PER SACK, 80 lbs.**  
Tel. 413. **Sylvester's Poultry Supply House.**

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**Ship Chandlery, Plough Steel, Wire Rope Galvan-**  
**ized, Cotton and Wool Waste, Launch Supplies,**  
**Gasoline, Motor and 74 per cent.**

1214 (78) Wharf Street, Victoria, B. C.

## CHEAP CHAMPAGNE

FOR AMERICA

Trade Arrangement With  
France Will Reduce Tariff  
by 20 Per Cent.

Washington, Jan. 23. — President  
Roosevelt late today issued a pro-  
clamation announcing the conclusion of  
the Franco-American reciprocity ar-  
rangement, drawn under section 3 of  
the Dingley Act. Under it America  
concedes a 20 per cent. abatement of  
duties on champagne and sparkling  
wines imported into the United States,  
and France confirms the minimum  
tariff rate now accorded American pro-  
ducts. Other important provisions are  
made, including the creation of a com-  
mission to consider possible amend-  
ments to the trade regulations in  
France and America. This commis-  
sion is to consist of three experts ap-  
pointed by each government.

The new Franco-American agree-  
ment differs substantially in form and  
scope from the various trade agree-  
ments drawn under section three of the  
Dingley Act, which have preceded it.  
The important point of difference is  
the method employed to preserve each  
party from that form of tariff manipu-  
lation which consists in arbitrarily  
increasing the duty on certain articles,  
as a basis for securing additional con-  
cessions from the other side.

Therefore it is provided in this new  
arrangement that the new abatement  
of duty on French champagne shall be  
conditional only, and that the old rate  
may be restored whenever the Presi-  
dent shall be convinced that France is  
increasing the duties on imports from  
America. France is granted a similar  
privilege, namely, of applying maxi-  
mum duties on American products  
when satisfied that America is in-  
creasing duties on French goods.

The state department expects that  
no considerable reduction of French  
duties on American products will be  
recorded under this new agreement,  
for the simple reason that America has  
already been enjoying minimum tariff  
rates in many cases solely by special  
concession of the French government  
in anticipation of expected conces-  
sions. For instance, the French gov-  
ernment for more than four years has  
delayed the application of duties on  
Porto Rican coffee. It has resisted  
the demand of the French olive grow-  
ers for the application of maximum  
duties on American cotton seed oil,  
which competes with olive oil, and it  
has refused to accede to the terms of  
Russia, France's ally, for increased  
duties on American petroleum in the  
interest of the Baku product.

The French have declined to accede  
to the internal demands for discrimina-  
tion against America, but the conclu-  
sion of the reciprocity agreement with  
Germany, whereby German cham-  
pagne and sparkling wines were  
granted an abatement of 20 per cent.  
of duty, brought matters to a focus,  
and the French government, pointing  
out the extent of the concessions of-  
fered American trade, and recalling the  
promise heretofore made, suggested  
that French champagne always should  
be granted the same rates of duty  
accorded to German champagne, and  
this is a basis for the agreement con-  
cluded to-day between the two govern-  
ments.

Not being a treaty, but merely an  
arrangement under the sections of the  
Dingley Act, which delegates to the  
President power to effect limited recip-  
rocal exchanges, this new agreement  
will not require the approval of the  
United States Senate and will become  
effective on February 1st next.

Everyone should make an effort to  
attend the lecture to be given by Dr.  
J. Todd this evening in the Victoria  
hall, Blanchard street, at 8 p. m. It is  
only recently that Dr. Todd has re-  
turned from Africa and so a very in-  
teresting illustrated lecture on his  
travels may be expected. The profits  
from the lecture will be given in aid  
of the new Sunday school for St.  
John's, the old one having been de-  
stroyed in the recent fire.

—The charge against Herbert Hous-  
low of vagrancy and sleeping in the  
school houses of Victoria West and  
Spring Ridge was dismissed by Magis-  
trate Northcott this morning. Two  
drunks paid the usual fine.

## MODERN BUILDING

PLANNED FOR OAK BAY

It May Serve the Purposes of  
School House and Muni-  
cipal Hall.

If the present plans of the Oak Bay  
municipal council mature, this pro-  
gressive suburb will have one of the  
finest little schools in the country. In  
the near future, plans have already  
been drawn up by Architect Ratten-  
bury and the matter was considered  
at a special meeting of the Oak Bay  
council this morning in the offices of  
the clerk, J. S. Floyd.

No definite arrangements have been  
made as yet in this respect beyond the  
drawing up of the plans, but it is  
thought that the new building will be  
started early in the spring so that it  
may be completed by the time school  
opens after the next summer holidays.  
It was not the intention of the coun-  
cil to take the matter up so quickly,  
but the local school trustees of the  
city schools have protested against the  
large number of children attending the  
city schools from the municipality,  
and something must be done at once  
in order to accommodate the ever-in-  
creasing number of scholars who seek  
admission to the school. Already the  
old building has been divided into two  
parts by a board partition and an extra  
teacher engaged, but even now they  
are crowded.

A short time ago a by-law was passed  
for the purpose of borrowing \$2,000  
with which to build a municipal hall. Now,  
however, the council has changed its  
plans and the sum already voted will  
not be anything like sufficient to put  
the proposed combined school and  
municipal hall.

The plan for the new building pre-  
pared by Architect Rattenbury is for a  
two-story building with basement.  
The main floor will contain four class  
rooms and a large hall. Above will be  
a large assembly room which will also  
be used for the purpose of a municipal  
hall, while in the basement will be a  
large play room for use in wet weather  
and a teacher's room and lavatories.  
The plan is a new one in school archi-  
tecture and will have a very pleasing  
effect. It will be built on the grounds  
lately acquired by the municipality for  
that purpose on Oak Bay avenue.

**BURNS CONCERT.**  
First Presbyterian Church Delighted  
Audience at Recent Entertainment.

The general verdict of those who at-  
tended the Burns anniversary con-  
cert (the report of which was held  
over for want of space) is that it was  
the best of very many good concerts. The  
program was well planned and a more  
enthusiastic audience it would be hard to  
find. The programme was commenced  
promptly at 8 o'clock by the choir in one  
of their new famous part songs, a num-  
ber of which they gave during the even-  
ing, receiving several encores, but only  
responding to the most vociferous one,  
which was given for "The Chevalier's  
Roll Call." The choir was well trained,  
the balance of parts being very even. J.  
G. Brown sang beautiful Highland ball-  
ad entitled "Flora," and sang well, but  
it was quite evident Mr. Brown had not  
fully recovered from the attack of his  
croup. He sang a beautiful "Schottische  
Days." Miss Sherritt, late of Winnipeg,  
made her debut at this concert and cre-  
ated a very favorable impression. Her  
sympathetic contralto voice at once  
found favor with the audience, and as the  
last strains of "My Ain Folk" died away  
she received a well-merited encore. Miss  
Sherritt responded to the encore and also  
sang in the second part of the programme  
equally as well. This lady is a distinct  
acquisition to musical circles in Victoria.  
Mrs. W. A. Gleason is so well known as  
an elocutionist that very little need be  
said as to her two selections, each of  
a high and noble character, and both  
were encores. The choir male quartet,  
composed of Messrs. Kinnaird, Redman,  
J. Morrison and R. Morrison, sang sev-  
eral quartettes, the best of which was  
"Nigety, Nigety, Nop, Nop, Nop," for  
which they received an encore. Miss  
Bryce, one of the soloists of the choir,  
and who is leaving the city shortly, sang  
"The Scottish Blue Belle," receiving a  
splendid encore, the song suiting her  
high and clear soprano. Miss Bryce sang  
as an encore "Jock o' Hazeldean." Miss

Bryce will be much missed in this choir  
and in the city. Mr. Robt. Morrison, the  
popular baritone, sang, by special re-  
quest, "The Auld Scotch Song," and  
many an eye was tear begotten as the  
singer sang in mellow tones and deep  
pathos of the old scene, and how the  
mother had sung the auld Scotch songs  
while she crooned them on her knee. Mr.  
Morrison received an enthusiastic en-  
core and responded with "Where Has Scot-  
land Found Her Fame." The Highland  
dancing by Master H. Thompson was  
greatly appreciated, judging from the  
enthusiasm it excited and the vociferous  
applause he received. Mrs. Briggs, who,  
as Miss McAlpine, formerly delighted  
Victorians with her fine soprano, sang  
"The Auld Scotch Song," her rich  
soprano voice reaching every corner of  
the hall and creating unbounded enthu-  
siasm among the audience. Mrs. Briggs  
sang the old favorite, "Annie Laurie,"  
and it is to be hoped she will be heard  
often. Mr. Jesse Longfield's reputation  
as a violinist is too well known to need  
comment, suffice it to say that he played  
the Scottish Airs with a vim and a  
swing like a Scot. J. G. Brown, whose  
reputation as a Scotch humorous vocalist is  
wider than the province, was at home  
in his character song, "Tobemroy,"  
dressed in a costume resembling a cross  
between a ploughman, a Highland sol-  
dier and the "Dugai Crair" of Robt.  
Roy. His appearance on the platform  
was the signal for a roar of laughter,  
which was kept up from time to time by  
his funny sayings and actions. At the  
conclusion of his song a perfect storm  
of applause greeted him. He then gave  
"Ticken Jock," which was equally pro-  
vocative of mirth. Mr. Brown is, par ex-  
cellence, the best exponent of humorous  
and character Scotch songs on the Coast.  
The singing of Auld Lang Syne and God  
Save the King brought the concert to a  
close. A word of praise is due the ac-  
companying orchestra. Mrs. Lewis  
Hall, who so ably presided at the piano,  
her duties were arduous, as the encores  
were numerous. Besides playing for the  
choir and quartette, the twentieth an-  
nual Burns concert will long be remem-  
bered with pleasure by all who attended.

**WEATHER BULLETIN.**  
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria  
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 29. 5 a. m. — A pronounced  
cold wave extends across Canada from  
Northern British Columbia to the Great  
Lakes, and sharp frosts have occurred on  
the Lower Mainland. Snow has fallen in  
this vicinity, and rain is general south-  
ward to California. Moderate off-shore  
winds are reported along the Coast. The  
temperature in Manitoba ranges from 24  
to 26 below zero.

**Forecasts.**  
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday.  
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate  
winds, generally fair and cold.  
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate  
winds, generally fair and cold.  
**Reports.**  
Victoria—Barometer, 30.02; temperature,  
33; minimum, 33; wind, 5 miles E.; snow,  
34; weather, snow.  
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.05;  
temperature, 33; minimum, 20; wind, calm;  
snow, 01; weather, clear.  
Nanaimo—Wind, 4 miles N.; weather,  
cold, clear.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.02; tempera-  
ture, 35; minimum, 15; wind, 2 miles W.;  
weather, clear.  
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.12; tempera-  
ture, 2 below; minimum, 2 below; wind,  
calm; weather, clear.  
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.16; tem-  
perature, 45; minimum, 45; wind, 4 miles  
W.; weather, clear.  
Port Simpson—Barometer, 30.22; tem-  
perature, 35; minimum, 25; wind, 18 miles  
N. E.; weather, clear.  
Edmonton—Barometer, 30.28; tempera-  
ture, 6; minimum, 2; wind, 4 miles N. W.;  
weather, cloudy.

—Victoria No. 17, K. of P., holds its  
regular weekly meeting on Thursday  
evening at 8 o'clock sharp. Two ap-  
plications will be dealt with and the  
esquire rank will be conferred, after  
which the team will hold a meeting.

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the same style of finish. This table is 48 inches  
square when closed, and extends to 8 feet. Fin-  
ished in best possible style. Price.....\$33.00

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table in the same style of finish. This table is  
46 inches square when closed, and extends to  
10 feet. Finely finished. Price, each.....\$37.50

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48 inches in diameter when closed and extends  
to 8 feet. It is finished in best possible man-  
ner in the Early English finish, and is a very  
handsome table. Price, each.....\$35.00

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## AMERICANS MAKE GOOD IMMIGRANTS

Visitor From Alberta Tells  
of the Conditions About Pin-  
cher Creek.

A. E. Cox, who until two months ago  
was the sub-agent of Dominion lands at  
Pincher Creek, Alberta, is registered at  
the Dominion hotel. Mr. Cox was also  
connected with the Hudson's Bay Com-  
pany's lands and the Calgary & Edmon-  
ton railroad for a number of years. This  
is the second time he has visited Victoria  
in the winter, and he finds it a great  
change from the life of the foothills.

When asked for his opinion of Victoria,  
Mr. Cox said that Mark Twain's sum-  
mary of a town was applicable to the  
Coast cities: "We all take one another's  
washing." This part of Canada cannot  
be compared with Alberta, one is the  
complement of the other. Last winter he  
was up at Cowichan and met a man who  
sold his few hundred acres for \$8,000.  
This amount was only obtained after 30  
years of clearing. In Alberta it could  
have been made in four years. Mr. Cox  
compared the Coast farmers, who are  
slow and contented, with the Alberta  
farmers who are working for an object  
that object is money, and it is a case of  
work, and work all the time. Pincher  
Creek has now a population of 800 and is  
a flourishing little town. The old town, 2  
miles off the C. P. R. Cross's Neck line,  
is still the larger town, and has the post  
office, churches, hotels and schoolroom.  
The settlers are chiefly of American ex-  
traction, and regarding their disposition  
Mr. Cox had something interesting to say.

Having watched them for about 20 years  
he could state that the American settler,  
left alone by the Englishman, soon learns  
to like British government, and in the  
course of a few years he turns out a  
better and more patriotic subject of the  
crown than do many Britons. The Ameri-  
cans seem to be especially favorable  
to the R. N. W. Mounted Police, some-  
even going so far as to think a similar  
organization should patrol the American  
Northwest. The country is settling up  
fast," said Mr. Cox, "and at present  
there are several important commercial  
developments taking place. A Vancouver  
firm, under the management of J. P. Fer-  
guson, of Vancouver, are boring for coal  
oil south of Pincher Creek, and in al-  
though good prospects were held out  
the oil has not been struck yet. Three  
American firms are also engaged in bor-  
ing for gas and coal oil, and are all sure  
to get the latter in commercial amounts.  
All three firms are prepared to bore 3,000  
feet if necessary. It is difficult to say  
how these discoveries will affect the little  
ranching town, but it shows the material  
wealth of the country. Mr. Cox expects  
to be in Victoria about a week or ten  
days yet. He intends to have his wife and  
children remain here during the winter.

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The "Vale Trio" have a clever and  
refined acrobatic and contortion act  
and introduce their four loop-the-loop  
dogs, which are really wonderful. This  
act is a novel act and worth seeing.  
Chas. Leora does some neat trapeze  
work. "Burt Rags," the Rubie acrobat,  
does some clever work in his particular  
line. Wilson & Rich as comedians,  
singers and dancers make a big im-  
pression. Jim Cowper, the minstrel  
man, tells some good stories, sings  
songs and does a little dancing, which  
is all well received. Miss Crawford  
sings "If Miss You in a Thousand Differ-  
ent Ways" acceptably and the Pan-  
tagea conclude a first-class entertain-  
ment.

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of the temperance movement and  
moral reform of the Methodist church  
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8 o'clock. All members of the Tem-  
perance Society, Christian Endeavor,  
Epworth League and labor unions are  
invited to be present.